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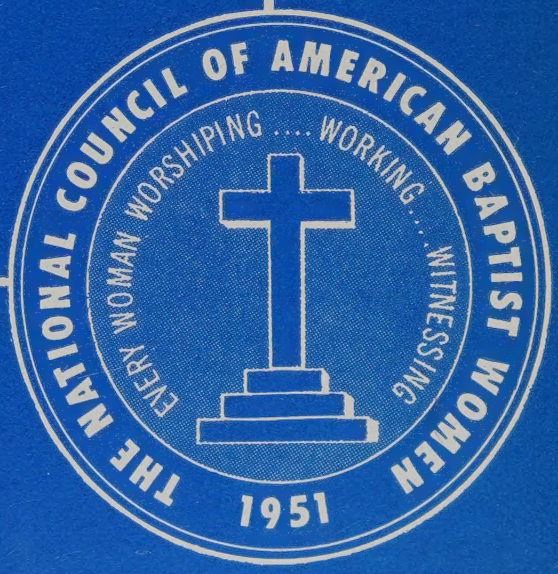

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"Forward Through the Ages"

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." For seventy-five years women in the United States have named an occasion and a day for sharing in prayer. This idea of women of several denominations coming together to pray for a specific cause was conceived by a Presbyterian laywoman, Mrs. Darwin R. James, who felt the call to pray on behalf of the missionary obligation within the United States of America. Shortly, thereafter, to the hearts and minds of two outstanding Baptist women, Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery and Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody, came the same feeling of compulsion. Their concern, due to the responsibility they were then carrying with the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was for the Christian community around the world. And so, without design or formal structure, the fellowship of prayer was expanded year by year—literally, around the world.

In preparation for the 75th Jubilee Year, Miss Sue Weddell, a Baptist, and one long interested in the World Day of Prayer, has written the service. The theme, "Forward Through the Ages," has captured the essential spirit and inspiration of the 75-year-long history. There is no looking backwards in terms of Christian service and program. There is only looking ahead, with the effort to have action succeed vision.

The offering received, following the experience of praying together, has come to be significant for the world-wide Christian fellowship. In the past, no financial goals have been set. Out of the experience of prayer, there has come the inevitable conviction that there must be a means by which the people who pray must give.

The plan of promotion of the World Day of Prayer is carried by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ. The offering is apportioned by a Committee on Allocations, representing the Division of Home Missions, the Division of Foreign Missions, and United Church Women. After meeting the costs for the preparation of materials, the remaining part of the offering is divided equally between the Division of Home Missions—for basic support of its migrant ministry, its work among Indian Americans, and its service among low-income farmers; and the Division of Foreign Missions—for building up the work in many overseas countries, by helping in the production and distribution of Christian literature for women and children; a ministry to foreign students; major support of institutions of higher education for women; development of the program of Christian home and family life, and the work in the centers for the study of non-Christian religions.

The 75th observance for the United States *must* be something different. It will be a jubilee occasion. The plans are exciting and challenging. For the *first* time, it has been determined to set a financial goal—$750,000. The work carried annually by means of World Day of Prayer offerings will have the *first* claim upon the 1961 Jubilee offering. The *second* claim will make possible a new development—the holding of prayer fellowships in Europe (Zurich), Middle Asia (Madras), the Far East (Hong Kong), Africa (Kitwe), and in Latin America (Lima, Peru), and also in selected cities in the United States and Canada. The women in the United States are being challenged to make possible the holding of these prayer fellowships; to which women have been invited to meet for a period of one week to encourage Bible study and prayer, to seek to understand what God is saying to churches today, and to discern the responsibility women must carry. A limited number of women from the United States and other countries will go to share in the overseas fellowships. The *third* and final claim on the 1961 offering will be for meeting the responsibilities in Alaska, confronting the Division of Home Missions, and for helping to meet through the Division of Foreign Missions a critical need in Africa for Christian literature, training of leaders, and the use of radio and audio-visual aids in the Christian witness.

"Forward Through the Ages" implies the setting of new horizons. It implies, also, the recollection of the horizons which are behind. The Jubilee experience can give to Baptist women a renewed sense of indebtedness to the past and a high challenge in helping to make possible a most striking development in the work and service of Christian women around the world.

To the Presidents

From: Helen Stuber (Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Presidents:

We stand on the threshold of another year and we wonder what this new year has in store for us. Not one of us can foresee what the days will bring but we do know that if we place our hand in the hand of God we shall walk in a sure path and we shall follow in his way, even though it be through the darkness. We can be sure, too, that the path which we tread with him will be full of glorious adventure and that we shall have peace, and joy, and hope, and salvation as we journey.

What better wish for the new year can I make for you who are serving as a president of a Woman's Society—either in a church, an association, or a state—than that every experience you have this year will draw you closer to your Lord and Master? This is my wish!

Our Love Gifts

During the year 1960 circumstances which were uncontrollable brought reverses in our mission work:

→ The need to evacuate missionaries from the Congo was an added expense as well as an interruption in the work. In the light of this, to the Love Gift offerings during 1961 even greater importance is added.

→ The cost of travel and the cost of living have both continued to inch upward after the rapid rises of the postwar years. If work on the mission field is not to be curtailed, the Love Gift offerings must be larger in 1961 than they were in 1960.

While promotion of the Love Gift offering should be left to the chairman of Love Gift, it helps considerably if the president gives her enthusiastic support to the Love Gift. This we know you are glad to do.

A Birthday Celebration

Ten years ago when the American Baptist Convention was held in Buffalo, New York, the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized on June 11, 1951. In June, 1961, when the American Baptist Convention will meet in Portland, Oregon, ten candles will be lighted on a birthday cake, on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, when we shall recall outstanding events of these past ten years.

- The National Council of American Baptist Women which was set up to function through direct channels of communication from church to association, to state, to national, and vice versa, is becoming increasingly efficient and effective.
- Women have been trained for leadership through house parties and conferences, where they have learned various techniques of leadership and group dynamics.
- Program helps and materials have been provided by national leaders for the officers and chairmen in the various areas of work.
- Societies have been encouraged to organize on the Circle Plan.
- The number of women participating in the program of the National Council of American Baptist Women has increased steadily through the years.

This exciting story of growth and progress will be presented in dramatic form at the morning session of the annual meeting on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon.

Appraisals Are Needed

We rejoice in our growth, but we must also be constantly alert to changing conditions and aware of the opportunities such changes afford for further development. We need to analyze ourselves that we may discover our weaknesses as well as our strength.

The increasing numbers of employed women have caused us to consider changes in the time of meetings, to plan programs that appeal to the special interests of gainfully employed women, and to include these women on the planning committees of our societies.

The large number of senior citizens in our churches has become our most recent concern. In many daytime circles we find that the average age of the members is well over fifty years.

Every Woman's Society should, at frequent intervals, appraise the work which is being done by that society. As a part of the celebration of our tenth anniversary, we shall also be appraising the work of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

White House Conference

The growing concern for the large number of senior citizens in our churches is not unique to Baptist groups. Since consideration must be given by many groups throughout the nation to the senior citizens, a White House Conference on the Aging will be held in Washington, D. C., January 9-12, 1961. American Baptist women will be represented by three delegates. It is hoped that many more American Baptist women, representing their churches in other capacities, will also attend this White House Conference on the Aging.

You will want to read about this Conference on the Aging and learn what the proposals are regarding housing, medical care, recreation and social and religious needs. You may want to invite someone who has attended the conference to speak to your society.

The National Women's Conference, 1961

Following the pattern of the National Women's Conference for the past three years, the program will feature the forthcoming year's emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—the fourth year emphasis—although we are just beginning our work in the local societies on the third year emphasis. This procedure was established so that American Baptist women will have, in time for their house parties, the information needed on the emphasis for the year following the house party.

The emphasis for the fourth year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is "The Mission to Social Frontiers." The theme of the National Women's Conference is "What Does the Lord Require of Me?"

Detailed information will be sent to you early in the spring, but there are two things which we must emphasize now:

1. We are setting as a goal: 500 registered delegates for attendance at this conference. This means 25 per cent more women attending in 1961 than in 1960! We are eager to have present not only more women but also women who have never before attended this national conference.

→ Churches that sent representatives in 1960 should consider increasing the number to be sent in 1961.

→ Churches that were not represented last year should begin now to plan to send two women if possible.

2. We are hoping, since the emphasis is upon social frontiers, that your vice-president of Christian Service and your chairman of Christian Social Relations, will be sent to the National Women's Conference. We hope that you, the president of your society, may also attend; especially if you have not as yet been to Green Lake for the National Women's Conference.

The next meeting of your board of managers is not too early to give thought to this matter. There are ways of travel that are comparatively inexpensive. Several states charter buses; sometimes adjoining states co-opreate in so doing.

We are very eager to welcome a delegation from *your* church to Green Lake for the National Women's Conference.

World Day of Prayer, 1961

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Date: February 17, 1961

Theme: "Forward Through the Ages"

Wherever the day, February 17, finds us, may it find us all in prayer. It is my expectation that on that day and on the five preceding days I shall be meeting with women from the Far East in Hong Kong. During those days we shall be thinking about God's work in history, our place as Christians in his plans, and ways of meeting the specific problems which face us today. On the World Day of Prayer, our voices will be united with millions of others around the world that God's rule may be acknowledged and that his will may be done throughout the world.

With you we shall be singing the words of that hymn which has come to be recognized as the World Day of Prayer hymn:

So be it Lord; thy throne shall never
Like earth's proud empires, pass away
But stand and rule and grow forever
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Family Life and the Church

Some areas of work which we do through our Woman's Societies are related directly to the program of the church as a whole. In these instances, we should work with and through the church committees and boards. Our concern for Family Life falls in this category. The chairman of Family Life in the Woman's Society should serve on the Adult Committee of the Board of Education of the church, or on the Family Life Committee of the church.

On the annual reports for 1959-1960 not even 50 per cent of the chairmen of Family Life reported that they were related to the total church program. Sometimes it is difficult for the chairman of Family Life to establish this relationship for herself. As president of the Woman's Society you can help by talking with the pastor or the chairman of the Board of Education in your church. We have been asked to co-operate in this matter by the national chairman of Family Life, Mrs. Francis Trimmer.

The Valley Forge Forward Fund

We answered the appeal for the CHEC program in a wholehearted way. Now $2,225,000 is needed this year for the new National Office Building at Valley Forge. Ground has been broken and the building is under construction. At Valley Forge—in this one building—will be housed American Baptist Convention national offices which are now scattered among seven buildings in two cities.

This is the time to step forward and to help underwrite a project which will be of great importance for many years to come. This is an investment for the future!

Introducing Evelyn Huber

The new national Director of Fellowship Guild, Miss Evelyn Huber, attended the September meetings of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women. We are happy to welcome Miss Huber to this important position. Miss Huber will be at Green Lake for the National Fellowship Guild Conference, formerly known as the Fellowship Guild House Party. The National Fellowship Guild Conference will meet in the Abbey area from July 8-15, 1961, the dates also for the National Women's Conference.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Virginia Farmar (Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Questions with Answers

→ Who is an *Active* Woman?

"An active woman in a Woman's Baptist Mission Society," according to the definition printed on the President's page in the Annual Report Book, "is one who participates in the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, whether it be by giving, reading, praying, Christian service, attendance, or in any other way."

→ Who is an *Inactive* Woman?

In contrast to the active woman who, to the best of her ability, is participating in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society program, the inactive woman is one who in *no way* is participating in the Woman's Society.

It is this inactive woman for whom all First Vice-Presidents have especial concern.

Plan for Action

For the First Vice-President

Greater interest in the Woman's Society can be awakened through good *programs*, informative *literature*, and well-planned *house parties*. Since these emphases of our over-all program are in the Division of First Vice-President, the opportunity of reaching inactive women becomes the responsibility of all First Vice-Presidents—the national, state, association, and local First Vice-Presidents. As the *local* First Vice-President assumes the responsibility of promoting the plan to reactivate the women of her church, her *association* and *state* counterparts should make an effort to have every society represented at association meetings and every association at state meetings.

This means that the Plan for Action has a three-fold purpose:

1. State First Vice-Presidents are responsible for reactivating inactive associations in state meetings.

2. Association First Vice-Presidents are responsible for reactivating the inactive societies in association meetings.

3. Local First Vice-Presidents are responsible for reactivating women in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society in the church.

The reactivation of inactive women has been one of our goals for the past several years. Reports indicate success in many areas. However, we cannot rest on past accomplishments. We must continue to promote the Plan for Action—not just for one year but during every year. It is a necessary and important part of the program of the Woman's Society.

How Do We Proceed With . . .

The Plan for Action in the Local Societies?

→ 1. Find Inactive Members. Where?

. . . church rolls and adult class rolls
. . . new church members
. . . members whose first interest may not be church-centered
. . . members who are disinterested or indifferent
. . . members who have not found their place in the church
. . . young married women
. . . employed women.

→ 2. Make a list of

. . . names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

→ 3. Appoint a

. . . committee with the First Vice-President serving as chairman. Divide this committee into three sub-committees:

(a) Calling
(b) Transportation
(c) Program

→ 4. Plan a committee meeting. Explain purpose of meeting and outline the duties of each of the three sub-committees as follows:

(a) Calling Sub-Committee

. . . Divide among the members of the Calling Committee the number of calls to be made.
. . . Specify time by which these calls should be completed.
. . . Make an appointment by telephone.
. . . Request transportation from Transportation Committee, if needed.
. . . Be cordial, warm, and friendly.
. . . Manifest a genuine interest in the woman and her family.
. . . Discuss her hobbies.
. . . Explain purpose of Woman's Baptist Mission Society.
. . . Give date, time, and place of next meeting.
. . . Present a packet of materials which will include:

Year Book — *The Secret Place*
Love Gift Box — Church bulletin

Also leaflets on American Baptist World Mission

. . . Explain programs.
. . . Suggest names of church people available for baby-sitting.
. . . Give information regarding nursery care for children during meeting.
. . . Create a feeling that the Woman's Society needs the person on whom you are calling.
. . . Offer transportation to reach the meeting.
. . . Do not prolong the call.

(b) Transportation Sub-Committee

. . . Respond to requests for service.
. . . Plan transportation for new members.
. . . Arrange by telephone to accompany women to the meeting.

(c) Program Sub-Committee (for a special meeting or for the next regular meeting)

. . . Hold meeting at most convenient time for majority.
. . . Plan a simple luncheon, brunch, or evening meeting.
. . . Provide flowers or ribbons for "first timers."
. . . Create a warm, friendly atmosphere.
. . . Begin meeting promptly at time designated.
. . . Remember the importance of prayer.
. . . Keep business brief.
. . . Introduce each new member to circle co-ordinator and have her assigned to a circle.
. . . Be sure that program is well-prepared and centered on some facet of the Baptist World Mission.

→5. Keep Plan for Action active throughout the year by:

(a) enthusiasm
(b) variety in approach
(c) follow-up of original call
(d) checking on absences

→6. Hold the Interest by:

(a) assigning to members jobs they prefer to do.
(b) presenting informative, well-prepared programs.
(c) participating in projects on some phase of our National Council of American Baptist Women's over-all program.
(d) creating genuine fellowship.
(e) developing a continuation of concern.
(f) planning well-ordered meetings.
(g) rotating membership in circles.
(h) expressing appreciation.

→7. Business and professional women (gainfully employed women) conduct their own program for reaching the employed women not active in church work. The Plan for Action may be adapted to meet their needs.

How Do We Proceed With . . .

The Plan for Action in the Associations?

The First Vice-President holds the key to increasing attendance at association meetings. She serves on the program committee with the chairman of Program who is in her division.

When association meetings are held, every local society should be represented. The following suggestions will be helpful in reactivating societies that show no interest in the various aspects of the association program:

Association First Vice-Presidents should . . .

. . . Be in rapport with local societies.
. . . Have enthusiasm.
. . . Indicate a "we need you" concern.
. . . Develop interesting programs and workshops.
. . . Reveal personal interest in the societies.
. . . Send materials as received from state counterparts.
. . . Keep societies informed of their plans.
. . . Visit local societies.
. . . Send advance information concerning association meetings.
. . . Be positive in their attitude.

How Do We Proceed With . . .

The Plan for Action in the States?

State First Vice-Presidents should maintain a constant line of communication with their association counterparts. At least four informative letters containing helpful ideas should be sent each year. A greeting at Christmas will provide the personal touch.

If all associations of the state are not represented at house parties, the annual women's meeting, and other designated state meetings, the following suggestions may help:

. . . Send an invitation to your counterpart to attend state meetings. Give date, time, and place.
. . . Show personal interest in each association.
. . . Send information from national counterpart. Bulk mailing is suggested.
. . . Develop a "we need you" concern.
. . . Show enthusiasm.
. . . Encourage the sharing of ideas to promote the work.
. . . Plan a unique division presentation for house party.
. . . Distribute a kit of helpful materials pertaining to the work of the division.
. . . Hold individual conferences with counterparts.
. . . Send personal notes of encouragement.
. . . Be in rapport with national First Vice-President.

Budgets! Budgets! Budgets!

Do You Have a Budget?

Could a home, an office, or a factory be managed efficiently without a budget? Could not this same question be asked about the Woman's Baptist Mission Society? If your society has no budget, why not appoint a finance committee to study the needs of the group and draft a proposed budget?

If the program of the National Council of American Baptist Women is to be carried on effectively, every Woman's Society in the church, association, and state should operate on a budget. This is the Lord's work and to do it well we must have the means to take care of expenses.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: Mary Kirk (Mrs. Preston Kirk)
National Chairman of Program
Division of the First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 6902 Dearborn, Overland Park, Kansas

Dear Chairmen of Program:

A very "Happy New Year" to each one of you! To you, I extend my warmest personal greetings as we work together to present to the women in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society and in the circles more interesting, challenging, and inspiring programs.

This is my first visit into some of your homes through The American Baptist Woman. Many of you I have met at our American Baptist Conventions or in conferences at Green Lake. From others have come gracious replies to my letters. I am now looking forward to working with, and hearing from many more chairmen of Program.

The Holidays Are Over!

With life back to the usual routine, we take up again our privileges and responsibilities. As we do so, we realize that though the calendar year is just beginning our program year is more than half over. It might be beneficial for us, therefore, to pause and ask ourselves some very searching questions:

→Have I, to the very best of my ability, attempted to prepare myself for this important task of chairman of Program?

→Have I given the time, preparation, and prayer that are essential to becoming a good chairman of Program?

Evaluate Programs Now!

A review of the Emphases for 1960-1961 may enable us to have better programs in our societies and circles. As we help to bring enrichment to the lives of women of our own church membership, this in turn influences the lives of those in our communities, our nation, and also around the world.

The Emphases for 1960-1961 for the chairmen of Program were printed in the April, 1960, issue of The American Baptist Woman. You are, without doubt, familiar with these emphases and the accompanying explanations for each, but for a quick review they are reprinted here:

1. Read at least one book or pamphlet in the field of program building.
2. Evaluate some of your programs.
3. Plan every program for the society and circle around some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.
4. Have a written purpose for every meeting.
5. Use some supplementary source material in every meeting.
6. Prepare a Yearbook.
7. Use the Program Packet, "That Ye May Know."

This reviewing of the Emphases may make your annual reporting easier. Questions concerning these emphases will be included in the annual report form.

Changes in Annual Report

Your society will receive before long the Annual Report Book for 1960-1961. Three questions have been added to the report for the chairman of Program:

1. Did you read a book or pamphlet in the field of program building?
2. Did you have a well-defined purpose for every meeting?
3. Did you receive help from your association chairman of Program?

This is an advance notice for you.

A New and Timely Program

Has the vice-president of Christian Training in your society shared with you the program on her page in the fall issue of The American Baptist Woman? This excellent program, "Nothing But the Truth About Education," was prepared by Mrs. Ivan Bell, national vice-president of Christian Training, for use in the local Woman's Society or in the circles. It is a true and false quiz, which may afford a different type of presentation. Mrs. Bell has also included suggestions for additional programs.

We appreciate these ideas and programs from other divisions. They acquaint us with the total work which we are doing and, incidentally, assist us in accomplishing the third emphasis for this year: *planning every program around some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.*

Why not plan to use this program which will, doubtless, be of real value to the members of your society.

"Adapt—Not Adopt"

In our workshop on Program Building at the 1960 National Women's Conference, we used the slogan: "Adapt—Not Adopt" materials. The programs in the packet, "That Ye May Know," are excellent and the information in them should be shared with the women in our societies. After you, as chairman of Program, become acquainted with the material in the programs,

you may adapt it in several ways. The following suggestions are the result of some of the discussions during the Green Lake workshop on Program Building:

→ The programs in the packet are prepared for use in the Woman's Society. However, if not all are to be used in the Woman's Society, the remaining programs should be removed from the packet and given to the circles for use in circle meetings.

→If the society or circle is very small:

1. The roles in the program may be dually assigned.
2. All members might read the program previous to the meeting and arrive prepared to discuss program and to contribute additional information.
3. One member might present the information in the program and then follow with a general discussion of the subject.

→ Additional information or study is desired:

1. Secure and use source materials which are listed in many of the programs.
2. Consult *Book of Remembrance* for additional facts and for the list of missionaries serving on any specific field.
3. Order Pen Sketches. These include picture of missionary and personal data.
4. Use information from current mission study books.
5. Refer to *Along Kingdom Highways* and *Home Mission Digest* and other source material listed in "Literature Highlights," under the Division of Missions.
6. Consult current and old copies on desired subjects.
7. Keep a file of current magazine and newspaper articles. (Be sure in using the material to bring it up-to-date!)
8. Use maps for information and other visual aids.
9. Request information from other divisions in the Woman's Society, including prepared programs.

Program Information for 1961-1962

Members of the New Jersey Woman's Baptist Mission Society have prepared the 1961-1962 Program Packet which will be available in American Baptist bookstores in March, 1961. Price, $1.00.

It is gratifying to be able to share with you at this early date information about our 1961-1962 program theme and packet.

Theme: You Are Witnesses
Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me
Scripture: Luke 24: 28

Mission Study Themes

Home: Churches for New Times
Foreign: The Christian Mission in Latin America

Promotional Skit

"Hidden Depths," a promotional skit, gives information about the programs in the 1961-1962 Program Packet. This skit will be mailed to the *association* chairmen of Program during January.

Our goal is that "Hidden Depths" will be used in the Spring Rally of every association. "Hidden Depths" will stimulate the thinking of the women and will promote the use of the programs in the 1961-1962 packet.

New Tools

Home Mission Maps. The American Baptist Home Mission Societies in reprinting a set of four maps has brought up-to-date the locations of home-mission fields in the following areas:

1. The United States (the "south 48" as our Alaska friends describe it!)
2. Mexico and Central America
3. The West Indies
4. A dual map: Alaska and Hawaii on one sheet. The size of each map is 11 x 16 inches. The price, 50 cents per set; 15 cents for an individual map. Order from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

The New Foreign Mission Map. This map, printed in June, 1960, gives current information on our overseas work. Order the map from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, 75 cents.

Audio-Visual Resource Guide, 1960-1961. This new guide includes evaluation of church-related audio-visual materials. Order this Guide from the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, $1.25.

Thank You, Helen McDermott!

We, your many friends and co-workers, are going to miss your clear and inspirational thinking and your specific help. Some of us have had the privilege of meeting you at an American Baptist Convention or at Green Lake conferences. Some also have gained inspiration and information regarding programming through your page in The American Baptist Woman, and by correspondence. Be assured of our sincere appreciation and our thanks which we here express to you.

Who Am I?

Are you wondering about your new national chairman of Program? I am a mother, grandmother of one, and a homemaker who over a period of years has had the joy of living in different parts of our country and of worshiping and serving in several of our large and smaller churches and in mission societies. My association and state work has offered me the privilege of working with some of our large mission societies and also with some of the smallest. As I have served in different offices of our Woman's Society, my conviction grows steadily that the office of chairman of Program is one of the most important in our total work. Will you, therefore, pray, study, and work with me that we together may prove to be the best possible chairmen of Program?

The days during 1961 will offer many opportunities for Christian service. May the satisfaction of success come to each of us as we continue with our efforts which are dedicated to the will of God.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Florence Berg (Mrs. James C. Berg)
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Route 6, Box 1518, Modesto, California

Greetings to Chairmen of House Party!

We Believe . . .

That state committees for the 1961 house parties are hard at work.

That each association and local chairman of House Party is supporting the efforts of her state committee with a continuous and an enthusiastic promotional job.

Iowa Contributes Skit

An association chairman of House Party in Iowa has contributed the following skit to help us in our promotion.

To Whom Are You Talking?

[Cast: Verena, Kathryn, Doris, and Eunice—members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Place, the living room in Verena's home. Time, the present.]

Verena: *[At table, Verena is reading or sewing. Knock at door is heard. Verena rises and goes to the door.]* Come in Kathryn. You look worried.

Kathryn: I am! Just listen to this house party report for our Society. *[Reads from report she is holding.]* Total membership of society, 25. Number attending house party entire time, none; part time, two! Number attending house party for the first time? None! This is shocking!

Verena: I know that there are at least ten of our members who should be attending the state house party for the first time this year.

Kathryn: You are right. You and I have been the only ones from our society who have gone to the house party for the past five years. We should have done a better job of reporting the good time we had in addition to all the information and inspiration we received.

Verena: Here comes Doris. My, but she looks worried. I wonder whether something is bothering her. *[Goes to door and greets Doris as she enters.]* Is something troubling you, Doris? You look worried.

Doris: Yes, I have troubles and I am worried. This White Cross quota has got me down. It is easy to go to a store and buy some of the items requested, but how to make four-tailed bandages and sewing bags, I just plain don't know.

Kathryn: Guess you will have to go to the house party with us. Then you can see a display of all those things—made and ready to be sent to the mission fields. At the house party there will be patterns and instructions, too, and you can ask the state chairman of White Cross for help.

Doris: That sounds like a really good idea!

Eunice: *[entering]* My friends, what is so interesting that you didn't even hear my knock?

Verena: We are discussing house party. You know it was announced at our last circle meeting that the house party dates are: ————. Kathryn and I are going again this year, and we are eager to have others go with us.

Kathryn: And I have just made a resolution to stay for the entire period this year. I did one year, and my but I enjoyed the banquet and the program on the final evening.

Verena: That is right, and the evening devotional, too, and, of course, the morning program that one always seems to miss when starting from home for only one day at the house party.

Doris: You are making the house party sound more and more interesting. Perhaps my family could eat egg sandwiches for a couple of days while I attend this year!

Eunice: I received the program for the house party in the mail today. That is why I came over. I thought Kathryn and Verena would be planning to go so they should be the ones to have this program.

Doris: Eunice, why don't we surprise them and go along this year?

Eunice: Oh, I couldn't get away.

Kathryn: Why not?

Eunice: Well-l-l-l-l, I don't know. I just couldn't.

Verena: Who is the missionary speaker this year?

Eunice: *[Reads details from program.]*

Doris: Doesn't that sound interesting? I have made up my mind that I am going to the house party this year.

Eunice: Well, my family really enjoys egg sandwiches! So, Doris, I think I will go also.

Doris: Perhaps so many of our members will go that Kathryn and I will each have to drive a car.

Kathryn: I almost forgot to tell you about another question on this report. We are asked whether we pay the expenses for our president to attend the house party.

Doris: What is the total expense?

Eunice: It says *[Reads from program].*

Doris: Do we have to send in reservations?

Eunice: Yes, indeed we do. They must be sent to ————*[Reads from program]* by ————.

Doris: I'll make a motion at our next meeting that we make a reservation for our president, and that we pay her expenses *[Stands in preparation for leaving].*

Eunice: I'll second it. I am sure this recommendation will be voted by our Society. *[Rises to leave.]*

VERENA: If each one of us were to interest someone else in attending the house party, eight of our members would be there instead of the usual two. *[All move toward door.]*

KATHRYN: *[Doris and Eunice reach door.]* Remember we are remaining for the entire period. *[Doris and Eunice leave.]* I am going right over now to talk with Hattie.

VERENA: This would be a good time for me to talk to Ilo, too. *[Kathryn and Verena leave.]*

EUNICE, VERENA, KATHRYN, DORIS: *[in unison, off stage]* Kathryn is talking to Hattie. Verena is talking to Ilo. To whom are *you* and *you* and *you* and *you [with emphasis]* talking?

Pennsylvania Contributes

Promotional Material

H—ouse Party is where the women of ———— receive training for effective service in the Master's work. We urge all . . .

O—fficers—local, association as well as state—to put forth every effort to be present at our ———— house party this year, and to attend the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, if at all possible.

U—tilize every opportunity for promotion of our state house party at the Woman's Society and at circle meetings. Urge attendance also at association, state, and national women's meetings.

S—kits help promotion. They can be very informative. Refer to previous copies of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN where you will find several skits on the page for the chairmen of House Party. Be sure to read the entire issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN that you may be well informed in all areas of the work of the Woman's Society.

E—ducation campaign to show in as many ways as possible that it is important and of great value that each officer and chairman shall know her job and shall give pre-eminence to it. This can be accomplished through attendance at the House Party.

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P—urpose of the house party is *fellowship* with other Christian women from the four corners of our state, helping them to develop a *Family Relationship* among Baptist women everywhere in the world that we may . . .

A—dvance in evangelistic and missionary zeal to greater Kingdom work.

R—eady at all times to help others in becoming better informed regarding the all-over program of our American Baptist Convention.

T—alent trained and given to the work of the Master adds up to better techniques and better use of time in reaching others for Christ. For He said, "Take My . . .

Y—oke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11: 29-30).

Massachusetts Shares Ideas

The Massachusetts chairman of House Party shared the following thoughts with her chairmen:

House Party! A magic word to thousands of Baptist women from Maine to California.

Prior to your election to this chairmanship, you probably took home all of the benefits of the house party, without giving much thought to the work behind the scenes. You have now joined a large company of dedicated women who give endlessly of their time, talent, and treasure that other women might discover what the house party holds for them.

Did anyone ever ask you the question, "What is the purpose of a house party? What are we trying to do through its program?"

Perhaps we can define it in four sections:

1. Fellowship. This is a very important part of any House Party program. We need to come together as Baptist women, to know each other better and to develop a "family relationship" with women from other Baptist churches. We need to be conscious of the many ties and common purposes that bind us with women all across our denomination. For 50 or 100 or 500 women to live together for a few days, to share the high experiences of worship and to laugh together and to stretch their minds to new heights, forming new friendships and ties can mean strengthening both the individual and the churches they represent.

2. Information. Baptist women need to be informed about the work of their church. A portion of the program will be given to acquainting the women with the over-all program of the American Baptist Convention, especially that of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Through the use of denominational leaders and missionaries, as well as officers within our own state, women gain a clearer conception of our Baptist World Mission, and their thinking is stimulated as they attempt to find their place in this challenging work. Being a Christian woman today demands that we be well-informed and intelligent, willing to think, to learn, and to interpret.

3. Training. Our women need help, not only in knowing about our task, but how to use this information and how to pass it on to others. Many times women are willing to do a job, but hesitate because they do not know the required techniques. These needs are met at the house party by our conferences, workshops, and interest groups.

4. Inspiration. We want the house party to be a time of real spiritual growth for those who attend, and so through chapel hours, early morning devotions, evening vespers, communion and private meditations, as well as the messages brought by missionaries and other speakers, our women should be brought to a new commitment of loyalty to Christ and to His Kingdom.

→ Convocation on the Mission of the Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 24-26, 1961.
→ America for Christ Offering, February 26, 1961.

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Hazel Lobley (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley)
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine

Dear Chairmen of Literature:

What is a letter to a friend? One of my definitions is: A visit one cannot make in person.

Let us consider these pages in The American Baptist Woman to be a friendly visit, even though the conversation has to be one-sided.

In the towns and cities across our American Baptist Convention, the hour for the delivery of mail varies. At my home in Maine the mail is delivered at approximately ten o'clock in the morning. Your delivery may be earlier or later. But each morning during the latter part of January when I believe most chairmen of Literature will be reading these pages, I shall stop, for a short time, whatever I am doing in order that we may visit together. As we concentrate on this special task of presenting denominational and recommended interdenominational literature to the members of the Woman's Society, may we realize anew the tremendous responsibility that has been entrusted to us.

Toward each of you, I feel a happy relationship as we together attempt to reach our goals for the year. State, association, and local chairmen of Literature are involved with the national chairman of Literature in this concern of acquainting the members of our Woman's Societies with the denominational and recommended interdenominational literature which is available, and also in helping them to make use of it.

You will be interested, I believe, in a quotation from the *Manual of the United Church Women of Maine.* United Church Women, as you know, do not call their co-workers "counterparts" but their form of organization is similar, as you will note from the following quotation:

"A general may map the strategy, a captain may direct the movements, but as everyone knows the troops are the real army; and the better trained the troops, the more effective the command, the more invincible the entire force. So it is with this organization; there is a definite relationship and interdependence among all the divisions—national, state, and local."

United Church Women, as indicated by the above quotation, do not have associations. To the work of our American Baptist women, the association chairman is extremely important. We could easily refer to our association chairmen as "sergeants," whom we recognize to have a very important function in the army, and add them to the above statement which emphasizes the *general, captain,* and *troops.*

Let us make one other change in the statement by the United Church Women: that is, replace the word *trained* with *informed.* ". . . the troops are the real army; and the better *informed* the troops, the more effective the command, the more invincible the entire force." Well do we know that the better informed we are, the more effective will be our leadership, the more invincible will be our entire force of American Baptist women. We realize the need and significance of all our counterparts and the importance of each one acting as a channel for the other.

The Workbook

Do you have a Workbook? Did you receive it from your predecessor or have you prepared one for your own use which later will be passed to your successor?

Those who have a Workbook and use it wonder how they ever lived without it. It is probably a leader's most valuable piece of equipment, since it keeps in well organized form all the tools which are necessary for her work. To list just a few of the important tools necessary to every chairman of Literature, the following should be in the Workbook:

→ Constitution for your society.

→ Leader's Guide for the chairman of Literature.

→ Complete set of the pages in The American Baptist Woman written to the chairmen of Literature.

→ Emphases (goals) for each year as printed in The American Baptist Woman.

→ Copy of the annual report of the chairman of Literature.

→ Minutes of the meetings of the Division of First Vice-President.

→ Minutes of the meetings of the board of managers of the Woman's Society, if mimeographed and circulated.

→ Complete set of "Literature Highlights."

→ Suggestions from counterparts.

→ Carbon copy of books and materials ordered for officers and chairmen of your Woman's Society, and for the Society's library.

You, doubtless, have other sections, set off by index guides, which contain information to which you can refer easily and frequently.

Refer to page 27, of the booklet *A Training Program for Leaders,* for the section on the Workbook. Available at American Baptist bookstores.[1] Price, 50 cents.

Annual Report

Before long we shall prepare the annual report which will reveal to us the work accomplished during the year 1960-1961. This report will be valuable in that it will reveal success in some areas and in other areas the need for greater concentration and increased activity.

There are eight new state chairmen of Literature. The new association and local chairmen far exceed that number. This will be the first year that these new chairmen—state, association, and local—will be making the report for the chairman of Literature. Let us who have prepared reports previously join with the new chairmen and make a study of last year's report and of the goals suggested for emphasis this year. This study will reveal to us where the greatest amount of concentration should be placed during the remaining months.

The following table indicates when your report is due in the home of your counterpart:

Local to Association .....*before* April 10
Association to State .....*before* April 19
State to National .....*before* April 28

Sharing Ideas and Methods

Chairmen of Literature are constantly looking for new ideas for the promotion of the materials available to assist the leaders in the Woman's Societies to become more effective leaders and to increase the knowledge of the members of our Woman's Societies regarding the American Baptist World Mission.

Mrs. Frank Bodecker, state chairman of Literature of the Kansas Woman's Baptist Mission Society, has written about the baby buggy she used at the Camp Christy House Party to publicize the literature available for use by officers and chairmen and members of state, association, and local Woman's Baptist Mission Societies. "The baby buggy wheels were purchased at a farm sale for fifty cents. The body of the carriage is a cardboard box, covered with literature. The posts are four broomsticks. The fringe top is a suit box."

MRS. FRANK BODECKER

With this buggy Mrs. Bodecker paraded the camp grounds and also appeared on the stage during the meetings.

"Periodicals on Parade" [2]

"What is the best way to present American Baptist materials and programs to women?" The leaders of Central Baptist Theological Seminary's Delta Chi answered this question with a skit cleverly planned to present denominational materials. The Delta Chi, (from the Greek, meaning Servants of Christ) is composed mainly of wives of Seminary students. Their monthly programs are designed to help them prepare for their important role as future mistresses of the manse.

"The theme of the March, 1960, program was 'Periodicals on Parade' and featured a display of materials published by the American Baptist Convention. It emphasized what they called the Big Five: *Baptist Leader, The Secret Place, Hearthstone, Crusader,* and *Missions,* personified by five student wives. Each held a poster on which was displayed the cover of her periodical as she read an explanatory script in the first person."

Would it not be a good idea for chairmen of Literature to plan a series of programs entitled "Periodicals on Parade," featuring at each program five different items important to the work of our Woman's Society?

The New Literature Packet

Have you placed your order for the "New Literature Packet," which will be available in 1961? If not, send your subscription without delay to the Council on Missionary Cooperation, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. The subscription price is two dollars.

Subscribers to the "New Literature Packet" already know the value of this material which is mailed seven times a year. Through these seven mailings you will receive during the year a copy of *Book of Remembrance,* four issues of *The Secret Place, Tomorrow* magazine, plus samples of new literature and helpful information concerning material available at the various boards and agencies of the American Baptist Convention.

[1] American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

[2] Picture and quotation from the October, 1960, issue of the *Torch,* published by The American Baptist Publication Society. Used with permission.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Lois Mayes (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)
National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California

Dear Vice-Presidents of Missions:

How delightful! It is time to chat with you again, and there are a number of things of which to speak.

Let's Look Toward New Horizons

Is your church one of the many which is already doing preliminary planning for, and giving publicity to the 1961 America for Christ Offering, with this arousing theme, "Toward New Horizons"?

The offering is scheduled for emphasis in most American Baptist churches on February 26, 1961. Our American Baptist Convention goal is $425,000.

The planning for this offering is a responsibility of the committee or Board of Missions in the church. However, we urge every vice-president of Missions to lend her support to the promotion of this project so that the Woman's Society and the circles may be thoroughly informed and prepared to share in the offering.

Materials to be used in preparation for the America for Christ emphasis have great appeal and value, and they provide missionary education for every age group within the church. A drama, written by Mrs. Ernest A. Bailey, chairman of Publicity for the National Council of American Baptist Women, is an unusual feature and is suggested for presentation on the Sunday preceding the America for Christ Offering. This drama embodies, in a most interesting way, both historical and current home mission episodes.

If your church does not find it possible to present this drama in the Sunday morning service as suggested, it could be a very challenging program for use in the Woman's Society. The drama presentation can be given by a cast of four in a small society or a cast of fourteen in the larger societies.

Included in the materials available for the America for Christ Offering is also a pictorial presentation of the faces of children whose lives are touched by our Christian centers, or by the Children's Home in Alaska, or by one of our other home mission activities. The pictures are most appealing. There is an accompanying script. This particular presentation could be used effectively at a family-night dinner, prior to the Sunday designated for the offering.

Watch for the materials prepared for the America for Christ Offering. Your pastor has already received them. Encourage their use in your church. The use of these materials will bring the America for Christ Offering to life!

Have you read your copy of *Missions* Magazine this month?

Congratulations to Mather!

An anonymous gift of two hundred thousand dollars to Mather School has made possible on the campus both new construction and remodeling and, therefore, facilities will be expanded by three new buildings. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on October 1, 1960.

In addition to this generous initial gift, Mather alumnae and friends must raise a fund of one hundred thousand dollars, for heating equipment and furnishings. Woman's Societies and circles, wishing to share in meeting this need, may send a *specific* gift either through their state offices or direct to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. The gift or check should be marked for *Mather School Furnishing Fund.*

Enrollment at Mather School reached ninety students for the 1960 fall term. Three exchange students from Kenya and two students from a Mohammedan family are included in the student body, and also a number of war brides married to Negro soldiers.

Many gifts for the furnishing fund have already been received from the Negro community.

Life Service Sunday

January 22 has been designated in the calendar of many American Baptist churches as Life Service Sunday, the day on which special emphasis is placed on the challenge to youth to serve in the ministry, as missionaries, or in one of the many other church-related vocations. If your church is not using the suggested date for the observance of Life Service Sunday, discuss the opportunity with your pastor and with your Board of Christian Education. Make sure that this important challenge is given at some time during the year.

Many vice-presidents of Missions have opportunities to speak to youth groups or to counsel with them. Two new books will be especially helpful in this counseling. These books are highly recommended by the Reverend Ernest Witham, secretary of personnel for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies:

1. *Summoned to Serve,* a series of brief biographies

of Baptist leaders, by Joan Thatcher, is available at all American Baptist bookstores.[1] Price, $1.25.

2. *Your Faith and Your Life,* by Dr. Elmer G. Million, will be especially helpful to young people of high-school age, as it presents the Christian approach to the selection of life work. This volume is also available at American Baptist bookstores.[1] Price, $1.00.

Encourage your church to purchase these two books for the church library.

If you know of young people who are interested in serving in a *home*-mission field, write to: The Reverend Ernest Witham, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. In regard to those interested in serving on a *foreign*-mission field, write to: The Reverend W. W. Parkinson, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Let us all pray for our personnel secretaries as they counsel with the young people in our colleges and seminaries, that God may guide and bless their efforts!

Trails for Tomorrow

Those who attended the 1960 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, saw the première of "Trails for Tomorrow," that beautiful color filmstrip which takes us on a visit to the campus of Bacone College. "Trails for Tomorrow" also tells us something regarding the beginning of home-mission work in the United States. It is, therefore, particularly fitting to use in connection with the current home-mission theme, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions."

"Trails for Tomorrow" is a 35mm filmstrip with reading manuscript. Order from your nearest Baptist Film Library.[2] Price, $5.00.

What's New?

It is not too late, even if you are in the midst of your annual school of missions, to discover, if you have not already done so, the helpful resources in the study guides prepared by Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens, for the current home-and-foreign-mission themes. It is suggested that the home-mission theme be used in the church school of missions and the foreign-mission theme be emphasized in circle meetings or in other study groups.

In the guides by Dr. Stevens is suggested a wealth of resources which relate the interdenominational home-and-foreign-mission themes to our own American Baptist fields. Order these guides from your nearest American Baptist bookstores.[1] Price, 50 cents each.

"Designs and Patterns from the U.S. and Other Lands," containing suggestions for the making of authentic costumes for missionary programs, are available for committees planning for the church school of missions as well as for other programs of this type. Order from American Baptist bookstores.[1] Price, 50 cents.

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[2] Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California.

The Division of Missions will find all of these materials helpful.

New Maps Available

Four new sectional maps are being released for use in connection with home-mission-study classes or for other program planning. These include:

1. A map of the United States.
2. A map of Mexico and Central America.
3. A map of the West Indies.
4. A dual map, Alaska and Hawaii on one sheet.

These maps measure 11 x 16 inches. The price is 50 cents for the complete set or 15 cents for a single map. Send your order to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

The foreign-mission map, announced on page 14 of the September, 1960, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, includes fields of American Baptist work on one side and on the reverse side, stories of pioneers of the fields. This map, size 22½ inches by 35 inches, is priced at 75 cents. It is also available in place-mat size, printed in two colors, package of 50 priced at one dollar. Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Budget, 1961!

American Baptists, at their annual convention in Rochester, June, 1960, voted a 1961 budget of $10,800,000. In spite of rising costs and critical needs on every mission field, this represents an increase of only 3 per cent over the 1960 goal. The America for Christ Offering, the World Fellowship Offering, and the Love Gift are all needed greatly as a part of this budget. Urge your Woman's Society and your church to consider the increase in the goal as they make plans for the benevolent budget for the year.

The Reverend Dean Kirkwood, writing in the April, 1959, issue of *Missions* Magazine, said: "The consuming passion of an earlier generation of Baptists to win the world for Christ has passed. The large gifts and legacies which once made possible the opening of new work, stations, and fields rarely come in today. The surplus of eager, adequately trained volunteers has all but disappeared. We are grateful for the increased interest of many Baptists in overseas missions, but the burning passion for action for missions is too often missing." Is this true of your church?

Look Ahead!

Before we know it, annual report time will be here. The report schedule follows:

→ Local to Association . . to be received *before* April 10.

→ Association to State . . . to be received *before* April 19.

→ State to National . . . . . to be received *before* April 28.

Begin now to prepare for a good report from your society.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education:

". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." Have you made those words from Romans 12: 2 your personal emphasis for 1960-1961?

There is a Chinese proverb which says that it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. We can light the candle of understanding through the reading program and through our Bible study.

World Day of Prayer

On February 17, 1961, church women around the world will meet in churches to observe the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. Church women will meet to pray together and to give generously to interdenominational missionary projects.

The goals for the 75th World Day of Prayer are:

→ double the attendance

→ double the number of services

→ double the amount of the offering

The theme is "Forward Through the Ages."

● African pastors are in need of Christian books and literature. It is reported that a typical African pastor can hold his entire library in one hand. Seventy-five thousand dollars of the World Day of Prayer offering has been allocated for the publishing of Christian books for Africa. If Christians do not fill the void, Communists, with their godless literature, will reach the newly literate people of this great continent.

● Alaska, where only 10 per cent of the people attend church, will receive help for leadership training, church planning, a program of visitation, counsel, and guidance, and a Christian ministry to the young people.

"Our prayer," as stated by Mrs. Paul Moser, World Day of Prayer chairman, "is that faith in God, love for one another, and zeal for His cause will animate and guide us in the work before us. The year 1961 is a year set in the midst of decisive history. This is a high challenge to our faith and work as laborers together with God. We can do our part by encouraging every woman in the church and community to attend and bring her gift."

Service begins when the meeting ends.

Joint Commission on Missionary Education

The 1960 fall meeting of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. I wish you all might have had the opportunity to attend these meetings to which I, as your national chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, was invited.

The Commission on Missionary Education is the co-operative agency of the denominations through which interdenominational missionary education materials are conceived, prepared, published, and distributed. It is composed of twenty-nine member denominations including the American Baptist Convention. It is often referred to as Friendship Press.

At this fall meeting plans were laid for our interdenominational reading program for the next five years. Through the three age group committees—adult, youth, and children—and four functional committees—drama, audio-visual, promotion, leadership education — the great work of planning missionary education is carried on. We learned that the 1961-1962 study books and promotional material will be ready as scheduled for the spring.

The home-mission theme for 1961-1962 is "Churches for New Times."

The foreign-mission theme for 1961-1962 is "The Christian Mission in Latin America." This theme will be interdenominational in scope. It is recommended for use in the church school of missions.

We, American Baptists, will be thinking and studying about the kind of churches needed for the new times in which we live; the kind of missionary spirit and evangelistic outreach we need to develop in our churches to help those who do not know Christ and who do not realize their need for his love and saving grace. We will seek to find ways to help those who turn to the church for answers to their problems.

Start your file of clippings and source material now!

Program Help from Wyoming

We who are chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education are always looking for helpful ways to interest women in our denominational program of study, reading, and giving. The state chairman in Wyoming has prepared a panel discussion which is an excellent

means by which to call attention to the importance of mission study and Christian stewardship. The panel discussion is interesting and informative. It could be used as a part of your division report at the house party or association meetings, or as a society or circle program. Send your order to Mrs. Lynn Harper, 1215 East 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The price is 10 cents per copy or four copies for 30 cents. Four copies are needed to present the program.

We are not giving to missions. We are investing in people.—MARIAN ELLEN KIMBLE.

Do You Care?

Did you ever stop to consider that our Love Gift could reach a total of over $784,000 if every American Baptist woman gave only one penny each day to this over-and-above gift?

Many dedicated women give more, but what great blessing might come from our missionary program if those who are not contributing to the Love Gift now could be helped to understand the urgency of the need in every area of our American Baptist Convention.

Let us continue to stress the fact that "knowing we care, caring we share."

Count Your Blessings

Mrs. Elizabeth Flugge, president of the Baptist women of Germany, attended the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, in July, 1960. She told us that the Christian people of East Germany can have no books or other material on religion in their homes.

Let us remember the Christian women of Germany in our prayers as we thank our Heavenly Father for the freedom to become better informed through our study of God's word, and the great array of Christian literature which is available to every American Baptist woman.

For a Closer Walk with God

A new color filmstrip on the American Baptist Assembly, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, has recently been released. The pictures show the buildings, the beauty of the grounds, and the use made of these wonderful facilities.

Order from the Baptist Film Library.[1] The sale price for this 35mm color filmstrip with reading manuscript is $5.50.

Burma News

Burma News is the title of a small magazine published by the missionaries in Burma to tell their story. *Burma News* is issued bi-monthly. The subscription price is one dollar a year. Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

[1] Order from nearest American Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California.

Map of the "South 48"

Miss Dorothy O. Bucklin, associate executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, informs us that the large home-mission map, which sold for one dollar, is now out of stock. However, you may purchase a set of four sectional maps, 11 x 16, for 50 cents, or 15 cents for an individual map. The set includes:

1. A map of the United States—"The South 48."
2. A map of Mexico and Central America.
3. A map of the West Indies.
4. A dual map: Alaska and Hawaii sharing the sheet.

Order these maps from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

America for Christ?

Is America for Christ? Are we not inclined to doubt it when we look around us and read our daily papers?

American Baptists, through the America for Christ Offering, testify to their desire to undergird our home missions program. Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education will want to have a part in the America for Christ Offering and will want to promote this offering in their churches.

The Unified Budget Needs Our Suport

Did you know that American Baptists help to support more than 16,000 missionaries and national workers on fields beyond the United States? More than 15,000 of them are national workers, doctors, teachers, and mission workers. In 1959, 35,982 baptisms were reported from these fields. Because of rising costs we must increase our giving to missions if our world mission program is to advance during the months ahead.

National Women's Conference, 1961

It is wise to begin planning now for your Woman's Society to be represented at the National Women's Conference to be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961.

The theme will be "What Does the Lord Require of Me?"

The emphasis of the 1961 National Women's Conference will be on Christian Social Relations. Information, regarding the program, is being sent to your vice-president of Christian Training.

Annual Reports

We have *new dates* for sending annual reports to our counterparts:

→ Local to Association . . . to be received *before* April 10.
→ Association to State . . . to be received *before* April 19.
→ State to National . . . . . to be received *before* April 28.

If each chairman makes it her business to be sure that her report reaches its destination prior to the date given as the deadline, we can have a complete picture of the work that has been done during 1960-1961 in our area of the Division of Missions.

Acquire the habit of reading for spiritual and mental growth.

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: Winifred Swope (Mrs. George Swope)

National Chairman of Mission Interpreters— Home and Overseas

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Explainers! Elucidators!

Webster defines the word interpret to mean: "to explain; to tell the meaning of; to elucidate."

Long before Webster defined the word, God, the Almighty One, was demonstrating it. Has he not through all the ages sought to interpret his will to man, whom he created in his own image? And wonder of wonders, in a variety of ways and at different times he chose to accomplish divine interpretation through human flesh!

Can you see yourself, at this moment, an instrument in his eternal hands being sent into the field about you to interpret, to elucidate something of his work and will for all mankind? You are his instrument. You are one in a long line of interpreters.

Interpret Dreams!

Joseph interpreted dreams. You know the story of his devotion and of his ultimate triumphs. Every Mission Interpreter should be an interpreter of dreams. As you read letters from missionaries, stories from the fields, books which tell of imperatives of the Christian world mission, you become more and more aware of dreams—dreams of reaching, of building, and of expanding. Just now they are dreaming at Mather, in Haiti, in Thailand, and on all our mission stations around the world. It is up to us to do our very best to transform dreams into realities.

Interpret The Current Scene

In an ancient day, Daniel was called upon to interpret the handwriting on the wall. This was a current action in human history against the backdrop of the eternal, divine purpose. Others saw the handwriting but could not interpret it. It was left to Daniel to have "eyes that see and ears that hear."

Each American Baptist mission field is part of the moving, current scene. Our daily newspapers and magazines highlight these areas. Japan, Cuba, Mexico, Africa are undergoing vital changes that are worthy of headlines. It is in relation to these current developments that our missionaries seek to bring the Kingdom of God to earth. It is important that Mission Interpreters know what is happening on the field so that every presentation might elucidate and not confuse.

Interpret the Work

"Therefore I sent to you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church" (1 Corinthians 4: 17 RSV).

Timothy went about telling of Paul's work. He had witnessed it, and he returned to inspire and encourage the churches in the faith. Replace Timothy's name with your own, and imagine that our American Baptist missionaries are writing about *you,* and are sending *you.*

Our American Baptist missionaries are counting on you to encourage and to inspire the churches. If this is to be accomplished, you must be well-informed and your information must be up-to-date. In later writings about Timothy, Paul describes him as being one of few who was anxious for the welfare of the churches and interested in the things of Jesus Christ. Upon self-examination, can this be said of us?

Interpret God's Plan

In his supreme effort to reveal himself and his plan to mankind, God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the interpreter. When on one occasion Jesus explained the teachings and thoughts of his Father to his disciples, they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked?"

This same power of interpretation is available to each one who seeks to explain his mission. It is so very important that each Mission Interpreter lay hold of that power to move and to inspire those who listen. In a real sense, the success of the Baptist World Mission depends upon *us.*

Remember the Division Emphasis for 1960-1961

". . . be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, . . ." This is an important goal toward which to work if you are going to interpret adequately to the churches. This goal will demand certain things of you.

1. Prayer. A life disciplined in regular communion with God will lead to an increased understanding of his purposes. Prayer will reflect his love and his spirit.

2. Bible study. This has been described as one of the "holy acts" so necessary to fruitful Christian living. Your own resources are not adequate. In no other book will you find so much to help and to inspire you as you in turn try to inspire the women in the churches. Read and study his Word daily.

3. Reading. Read everything you can find that has anything to do with your area of interpretation. Be alert to articles in current periodicals and newspapers. Read as many of the mission study books as possible. It is important to be familiar with the whole mission enterprise. Have a superior fund of knowledge concerning your own area or areas. Be sure to read the following:

Missions Magazine	*Crusader*
Home Mission Digest	*Along Kingdom Highways*
Pen Sketches	*Book of Remembrance*
Missionary Letters	The Interpreter's Packet

4. Preparation. Some of you are new chairmen of Mission Interpreters. For you, the following is a *must:* Prepare to help *your* Mission Interpreters first of all by reading your Workbook thoroughly. You will gain invaluable help for your task. Review the Leader's Guide which is in the March, 1958, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. This guide describes your specific duties. In the November, 1956, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, the national chairman included a section entitled "The Know How." There is much valuable and practical information for you in that section which contains specific techniques that will help to make a speech effective. Undoubtedly you will be called upon for suggestions from your Mission Interprefers. Preparation is absolutely essential if our work is to bear fruit.

Questions We've Been Asked

→ **Question:** Is it possible to use Mission Interpreters in church school classes?

Answer: By all means! There is no limit. Of course our greatest potential is within the organized church—the Woman's Society, church school classes, the school of missions, youth groups, the evening church service, and occasionally a pastor will invite a Mission Interpreter to participate in the morning service. In addition to speaking to groups within the church, at associational meeting and house parties, there have been Mission Interpreters who have addressed PTA's and Women's Clubs.

→ **Question:** How can I be certain that my Mission Interpreters will get the information from the national offices?

Answer: Each state chairman of Mission Interpreters should send a correct list of the names and addresses of the home-mission interpreters to: Miss Dorothy Bucklin, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. The names and addresses of the overseas-mission interpreters should be sent to: Miss Ada Stearns, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Packets are sent out to each Mission Interpreter from these offices.

→ **Question:** Are there any restrictions to the subjects on which Mission Interpreters may speak?

Answer: Mission Interpreters are to tell the story of American Baptist missions as administered by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. This gives Mission Interpreters a broad field to cover. Evaluate any subject in relation to this statement, and if it is included in our work then it is a likely subject.

→ **Question:** How can I interest the churches in using more of the Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas?

Answer: Each chairman is also a promoter. Be alert to urge groups to call upon your Mission Interpreters. Ask for the opportunity to make announcements at meetings. In addition to vocal promotion, have an up-to-date list of names compiled and send it to each pastor and to each president of a local Woman's Society. If you are to promote with confidence, you must be certain that your Mission Interpreters are capable of doing a good job. That means that help must be given to them by you whenever possible or necessary. Seek reports from groups to which the Mission Interpreters have spoken. Plan workshops whenever possible. The use of a tape recorder is a good technique for helping speakers. Have the Mission Interpreter record her presentation and then listen to it! This is always a good means for self-analysis and improvement.

→ **Question:** Is it possible to use men in the church for a Mission Interpreter?

Answer: By all means. There is an increasing number of laymen who are going on home-and-foreign-mission tours. There are those who serve various boards who could very successfully act as Mission Interpreters. Any person who is interested in missions, who is willing to study and to prepare thoroughly, who has had some speaking experience or is willing to study the technique of public speaking should definitely be considered for speaking engagements.

The America For Christ Offering

The America for Christ Offering will be received in most American Baptist churches on the last Sunday in February. The theme is: "Toward New Horizons."

Be sure to promote this offering. So much of our on-going work depends upon it. Remember, this offering does not represent an over and above amount for the home-mission work. It is an anticipated part of the regular budget, and the work will suffer if we do not reach the goal.

"Therefore we, your American Baptist missionaries, are sending to you the Mission Interpreters, beloved and faithful children in the Lord, to remind you of our ways in Christ as we teach them everywhere in every land."

We can be faithful to this task only as we seek to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. As we do this we shall indeed be fulfilling the mission of the church—that of taking Christ to the nations.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: Elizabeth Ford (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

Greetings!

Greetings to all my counterparts, in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society, in the association and in the state societies!

The period of the year from Thanksgiving to Christmas and to the New Year is always an especially joyous time for us in our homes and in our churches. Our gifts to, and our remembrance of others increase *our* personal happiness. Our remembrance by our gifts to, and prayers for our Special Interest Missionaries made for *them* a happier Christmas season. They knew that our thoughts were with them as they served in the spirit of Christ on our mission fields.

For each chairman of Special Interest Missionaries I wish a most rewarding year. Let us resolve to improve our work in those areas in which we wish we had achieved more!

A Challenging Suggestion

Your responsibility for making your Specials "live" for the members of your Woman's Society may well be shared by the First Vice-President and her committee members as they pursue the program for reactivating inactive women, which is proving most effective. Doubtless the First Vice-President and her committee will be ready and eager to share with you this responsibility by telling the women, as they call in the homes of inactive women, of our Special Interest Missionaries and thus strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all our church women.

What Are You Reading?

Without doubt, the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries are well aware of the reading emphasis of the Division of Missions for 1960-1961: ". . . be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind, . . ." (Romans 12: 2).

Have you with discernment thought through this emphasis and are you well aware that your service could increase in effectiveness if more time were spent in purposeful reading?

→ *Missions* Magazine, considered to be the best publication in the field of missions, should come first after our devotional reading which is a must for every day.

→ *Safe in Bondage*, by Robert W. Spike, is a most challenging book as it gives us a panorama of home missions. Price, $1.50.

→ *The Song Goes On*, by Claribel F. Dick, is the beautifully written story of Ioleta Hunt McElhaney, the talented and dedicated Kiowa Indian missionary whom many of us have met at house parties. Price, $3.00.

→ *Devotions for Women at Home*, by Martha Meister Kiely, will prove to be especially helpful. Price, $1.75.

To these four suggestions may be added many other helpful, informative, and inspiring books by referring to "Friends Through Books," that valuable tool in the Workbook of the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education in your Woman's Society.

"Specialties for Our Specials"

Have you received your copy of the revised edition of "Specialties for Our Specials"? Sufficient copies of this leaflet were sent to each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, making it possible for her to forward to the association chairmen one copy for each local chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. The new copy, printed in turquoise ink, replaces the red and white leaflet which should be discarded since the statements it contains are outdated.

On the cover of the new leaflet, "Specialties for Our Specials," is reproduced a special interest missionary poster, drawn by Mrs. Warren L. Adams of Cranston, Rhode Island, the vice-president of Missions for the Rhode Island Woman's Baptist Mission Society. This poster, loaned to the Division of Missions for use at the 1960 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, pictures the world and postage stamps of various countries, and implies what a postage stamp may do. If you wish to make a copy of the poster for the bulletin board in your church, you may find the enlarged reproduction of stamps from various countries, published in the December 1959, issue of *Life* magazine, helpful.

Appreciation is extended to Mrs. Adams for making it possible for us to use this poster—a product of her talent. We appreciate, also, the assistance given to us by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies in bringing "Specialities for Our Specials" up-to-date.

If you have not received your copy of "Specialties for Our Specials," communicate with your counterpart or request a copy from the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. A single copy is available

free of charge; in quantity, the price is two dollars per hundred.

The Congo Crisis

No reader of a newspaper, listener to radio, or viewer of television is unaware of the emergencies which developed in the Congo, following Independence Day, June 30, 1960. Late in July, I received two letters from Mrs. Howard M. Freas who is now serving as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries for the New Jersey Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Mrs. Freas, who had served with her husband, a physician, for many years in the Belgian Congo had seen many of the evacuated Congo missionaries shortly before writing to me. She was keenly aware of their desperate need, resulting from the necessity of leaving on approximately twenty-four hours' notice and being allowed to take with them only one suitcase per person. Here was an opportunity, Mrs. Freas felt, for the members of our Woman's Societies to show their love and concern for our missionaries who had been evacuated.

Following consultation with our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, a letter was sent to each state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries on whose list of Specials was included the name of one or more of the missionaries who had been evacuated. (This did not apply, of course, to the missionaries from the Congo who were home on regular furlough.) Included in the letter sent to the state chairmen were the addresses in the United States of the missionaries and a suggestion that a personal letter be sent asking the missionary what was needed in this emergency that the members of the Woman's Society could supply. As always, chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries and members of our Woman's Societies have responded generously to this emergency.

The evacuation of our missionaries with their families, including fifty-seven children, has resulted in a heavy drain on the funds of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. So great has been the inroad thus made upon the funds of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies that we should do everything possible to double the amount originally budgeted for the World Fellowship Offering to take care of this emergency.

Return to the Congo

On October 18, 1960, the Reverend Chester J. Jump and Mrs. Jump and their three children returned to Leopoldville. Others will return to work with the faithful Congolese Christians who have been carrying on since July, 1960.

We thank God that the missionaries had laid such a firm foundation for our work so that when they were forced to leave on a moment's notice their consecrated co-workers were able to carry on. May our prayers be with the native workers and with our missionaries as they wait to return to the fields they love.

Home Mission Maps

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies have printed four sectional maps to replace the large wall map of home-mission fields, which is now out of stock. The set includes:

1. Map of the United States (the "south 48," according to our Alaskan friends).
2. A map of Mexico and Central America.
3. A map of the West Indies.
4. A dual map—Alaska and Hawaii.

Each map measures 11 x 16 inches. The maps of Alaska and Hawaii share a sheet.

Order these maps from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents for the set of four; 15 cents for an individual map.

Foreign Mission Map

The new foreign-mission map, entitled "Centers of Work and Stories of the Fields," may be ordered from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, 75 cents.

These new home-and-foreign-mission maps are valuable tools for all chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries.

A Copy for Our Specials

At the 1960 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, one of our American Baptist missionaries saw for the first time a copy of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. She indicated how much she would like to have a copy; how much it would mean to her in her work. The members of a circle of the Woman's Society of the First Baptist Church in Exeter, New Hampshire, heard of this desire and immediately entered for her a year's subscription to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

Is your Special receiving THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN? If she is working with women, it will be especially helpful.

My Hope for 1961 . . .

Is that more and more the entire church will become interested in this important work for special interest missionaries. At one time the members of our Woman's Societies thought only of the women missionaries. Since the integration of the various American Baptist mission societies, the entire missionary family has become our concern.

Think what it could mean to the children and young people in the church to learn about, and have concern for the children and young people of our missionary specials!

Think of the interest that might be awakened in the members of the Men's Club by learning of the very full and varied schedule carried on day after day and year after year by their representatives in home and foreign mission fields!

Be sure that the men and young people and children, as well as the women, have an opportunity to see and to hear the missionaries when you are fortunate enough to have an individual missionary or a family visit your church.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Cora Sparrowk (Mrs. John Sparrowk)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Is Your Face Radiant?

You do not need to look in a mirror for your answer. You know.

Why do I ask this question? Because recently I read that "there is nothing like putting the shine on another's face to put the shine on our own." And so, I ask, "Is your face radiant, is my face radiant, do our faces shine because we have brought, through some loving service ministered in Christ's name, a glow to another's face?"

Through the following suggestions for Christian service will come radiance to the face of the person who is "putting the shine on another's face."

Christian Service . . .

1. Through a Ministry for Shut-Ins

People are inquiring about the Guild of Intercessors. With only *one* shut-in who is a really interested and concerned person, it is possible to organize a Guild of Intercessors in your church. Such a guild of women can become a power of strength for your Woman's Society—indeed, for your total church program—as the members pledge themselves to pray for the world mission of their Woman's Society, their church, and the American Baptist Convention.

- Love Gift boxes and White Cross work have been distributed among the members of the Guild of Intercessors in some churches, with the result that these shut-ins feel that they, too, are adding activity to their days by participation in the work of the Woman's Society.

- Visits to the members of the Guild or Intercessors —the shut-ins of the church—will add interest and pleasure to the life of the caller and to the life of the shut-in.

- The Guild of Intercessors Packet is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, 50 cents.

2. Through Church World Service

At present we are stressing three areas of participation in Church World Service:

→ Contributions of *good* used clothing. The need to keep warehouses supplied with *good* used clothing (and the inclusion of eight cents per pound in each donation to defray shipping costs) continues.

Many churches promote this service throughout the year by having a container available at all times somewhere in the church. Each Church World Center has a trucking service which covers its area periodically and makes collections relatively simple. Check your nearest Church World Center [2] for its collection schedule.

→ Participation in the Cut-Garment Project. Many circles of our Woman's Society are eager to continue work after the White Cross quota is completed. The Cut-Garment Project could be the answer. New garments, cut and ready to sew, are available through Church World Service Centers.[2] Articles are purchased at cost, made by the women, and returned to the Church World Service Center for distribution to the needy in various areas.

Use the following order blank as your guide. Mail your request to: Cut—Garment Department—at your nearest Church World Service Center.[2]

PLEASE SEND ITEMS AS INDICATED

(The minimum order for all items is six, with the exception of layettes which may be ordered singly.)

Item	*Number*
Layettes, $6.00 per ½ dozen	———
Children's Panties, $1.50 per ½ dozen	———
Girls' Blouses, $3.60 per ½ dozen	———
Girls' Slips, $3.00 per ½ dozen	———
Girls' Dresses (sizes 6-8), $4.25 per ½ dozen	———
Girls' Dresses (sizes 8-10), $5.25 per ½ dozen	———
Girls' Skirts, $5.75 per ½ dozen	———
Women's Aprons, $3.50 per ½ dozen	———
Boys' Overalls, $4.50 per ½ dozen	———
Boys' Suit Jackets, $5.25 per ½ dozen	———
Children's Gowns, $5.75 per ½ dozen	———
Adult Gowns, $7.75 per ½ dozen	———
Total Amount Enclosed	$———

Name (please print) .....
Address .....
Church and Denomination .....
Enclosed: Check for $———; Money Order for $———

[1] American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

[2] Church World Service Centers: 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, New York; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California; New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana.

→ An annual cash donation for food. To the Chinese the word "rice-bowl" has a very special connotation. They use it in exactly the same sense that Christian people speak of their "daily bread" when praying the Lord's Prayer. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese—whole families at a time—have gone to Church World Service seeking the rice with which to fill their bowls. These bowls are filled only as Christians respond with donations. Has your church made a cash donation for food during this year?

Send cash donations to the following address: Share Our Surplus Program, World Relief Committee, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

3. Through Friendship

A Japanese widow speaks: "I am one who has received your kind gifts. To you all, I say, Thank you, thank you, thank you!" And what was that gift? A box of used nylon hosiery, sent by a Woman's Society.

Hosiery which is beyond repair is cut off at the ankle. This lower portion is used in the making of cushions, mattresses, and shoulder pads. The remainder of the stocking is unravelled and used to make men's and children's socks, and gloves, mats, slippers, artificial flowers, and corsages. These products are sold in Japan at reduced prices to Government employees, students, nurses, and so forth. For specific mailing directions, write to: Women's Welfare Service, 1218 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles 6, California.

4. Through Your Christmas Cards

A picture taken from an old Christmas card was framed in a wilted paper lei. It was the only bright spot in a little Telugu village home. The walls of the home were made of mud; the floor, of dirt; and the roof, of thatch. The picture from the old Christmas card was the only bright spot, with the exception of the radiant faces of the large group of Christians who had gathered to worship. Sitting in that home, looking at the framed picture of Christ, realizing what it meant to these people, I realized how lightly we take the opportunities for service which are ours.

For the names and addresses of the missionaries who need your Christmas cards, write to the Reverend Alfred Merrill, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

5. Through Offerings of Love

The 1960 Love Gift checkbooks have been closed. The story for the 1960 Love Gift is ended. Was the story exciting? Did it have a happy ending? Time alone will tell.

Now we are concerned with the blank pages in our Love Gift checkbooks. The increased needs and the opportunity to give as we have been blessed of God challenge each American Baptist woman to have a voice in the 1961 manuscript of "The Love Gift Story." May chapter one be but the beginning of generous over and above giving.

6. Through Dedicated Hands

The Cordova fire, the Congo crisis, and the emergency request to restock the Sales House at Mather School have kept us aware of White Cross responsibilities. As report time draws near, we are hoping that each vice-president of Christian Service will feel an even deeper sense of her responsibility in seeing that quotas are filled and reports completed.

7. Through Our Christian Witness

In the September, 1960, meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, it was voted to participate in the four-year Integration Program of the United Church Women. Our participation in this program of the United Church Women will be under the direction of the chairman of Christian Social Relations. This is another opportunity to live our Christian faith and to make our witness felt.

Division News Flashes!

→ "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" The Bible has the answer. We may also learn the answer to this question, which is the theme for the 1961 National Women's Conference, at the conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961.

At the 1961 National Women's Conference, the work of the Division of Christian Service will be highlighted. It will, therefore, be most important for every vice-president of Christian Service and every chairman of Christian Social Relations to attend. It isn't too early to begin making plans.

→ Check your calendar and let's make another date! June 14, 1961, is the date for the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Division luncheons give us an opportunity to become better acquainted with other officers and chairmen. The Division of Christian Service is making very special plans for its division luncheon on June 14. It is my hope to meet you there.

→ A New Idea! The report for the Division of Christian Service, as given at the meeting of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in Rochester, New York, June, 1960, was interestingly unique. Those who heard this report, which was built around a lesson in arithmetic, requested copies. Mimeographed copies may be obtained by writing to my home address. Please enclose ten cents for each copy requested.

Encircling the Globe

Truly there is a spirit of Christian love that encircles the globe. This will be especially evident this year when Christian women observe the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer on February 17, 1961. "Forward Through the Ages" is the theme. Each one of us will wish to participate in the service in her community. Through this service we clasp hands in thought and prayer with people of all races throughout the world.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Margaret Darling (Mrs. George R. Darling)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 448 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio

Tell Me About Me . . .

When I Was a Baby

Children so often ask their parents to tell them about things which happened when they were too young to remember. What a thrill it is to recount for them those first years of their lives!

Many of our new chairmen of Love Gift probably would like to say to us: "Tell us about Love Gift when it was a wee baby." What a privilege it is to share with them the growth of our Love Gift!

The greatest secret of interesting others in the Love Gift is, of course, to be deeply interested ourselves. Emotions are just as contagious as measles. Most of us are not intellectual giants, but with our average intelligence we can do a terrific job if we so desire. *Think* repeatedly about Love Gift. *Discuss* it with everyone who will lend you an ear. When I know that I have someone's ear, I am like a kitten when she is invited to a saucer full of rich cream.

Remember, God calls and you answer. You have important decisions to make, plans to work out, many women to guide in their thinking about Love Gift. God will guide you and will strengthen you. One thing is sure: Your job—under his direction—can be a satisfaction beyond anything you have ever dreamed.

Time Flies

Don't postpone action a single day! Resolve *now* that you will send your annual report, without a moment's delay, to your association chairman of Love Gift—if you have not already done so. Reports are an adventure, not a tedious drudgery. Begin now to know the joys of real accomplishment.

There isn't much sense in saying, "It doesn't matter what a farmer plants; it's what he harvests that counts." Of course, it matters! What a farmer harvests depends on what he plants. So, what a chairman reaps depends on what she has sown.

Once upon a time there was a chairman of Love Gift who collected gifts every month, put the money in a bag, and put the bag in her dresser drawer. She did not count the money. She did not give it to her church treasurer to send to the state office. She did not report the amount to her association chairman of Love Gift. When the end of the year came the money was still in the bag in the dresser drawer—uncounted—unused! This is a true story and it happened in the year of our Lord 1959 in a state in the American Baptist Convention! Never, no never let this happen in your society, in your association, in your state!

Take a Tip from Aesop

Do you enjoy fables? I am particularly fond of them, and also of stories and poems because they produce word pictures that make it easy for me to understand principles and concepts. Aesop, as we all know, was one of the greatest writers of fables. One of his gems we may well think about together as we consider the importance of each and every chairman. This is Aesop's story of the "Hands, Teeth and the Stomach."

For some time the Hands, Teeth and Stomach had been carrying out together the job of taking in food, chewing it, and digesting it. This went on until one time, in conversation, the Hands said to the Teeth, "It seems to me that you and I are getting the short end of this deal. I have to work bringing in the food and you have to work in order to reduce it to the point where it can be passed on to the Stomach. What does that lazy Stomach do except take advantage of our hard work?" The Teeth agreed and they decided to get even with the Stomach. The Hands didn't bother to bring in food except when it felt like it. The Teeth didn't chew except when it was in the mood. The Stomach complained to no avail and then it began to shrink. At first the Hands and the Teeth felt a measure of satisfaction and revenge but then the Hands began to wither and the Teeth became loose. They were frightened and tried hard to bring food to the Stomach. The Stomach could no longer take food and died. With it died the Hands and the Teeth.

The Average Person . . .

"The Average Person forgets 75 per cent of that which he has heard" was the caption of a recent newspaper article, written by a prominent educator. This educator went on to say that the odds are strong that we fail to imprint more than one-sixth to one-fourth of our message on the memories of others. If at times I seem as repetitious as a broken phonograph record, will you please remember that I am recalling that caption!

Leaders

"Leaders," wrote Mrs. Mark Banta in *The Church Woman*, September, 1947, "love to the fullest; help make the cream rise on the lives of those you lead. Go to the edge of your capacity; do your best, not your bit. Then you may find Christ standing by your side.

He is the power which you must have in your leadership."

Our Responsibility

The story is told of a railroad engineer taking a long train up a mountain along a steep, winding track. A friend riding in the locomotive noticed that he carefully observed certain posts set at intervals along the way. The friend inquired about them and the engineer replied, "Those are distance markers. By watching them I can tell exactly how far and how many turns of the road the last car on the train is behind me." Then he added, "I am just as responsible for getting the last car of this train to the top of the mountain as I am for getting the locomotive there."

We are just as responsible for getting the last chairman of Love Gift in the last church enthusiastic about promoting Love Gift as we are for being enthusiastic about our own promotion. On the subject of Love Gift, certainly, you may modestly and justly claim to be somewhat of an authority—or to have made a thoughtful beginning.

The difference between order and chaos is preparation and leadership, if only a cobweb leash. A great surgeon said that if he had only three minutes for a critical operation he would take two of them to get ready. Preparation is the secret. The best preparation possible is to cultivate a wholesome attitude toward the Stewardship of the three T's: *Time, Talent, Treasure.*

Let us always remember that our Love Gifts—the over and above gifts—are but a small part of our Stewardship.

I Said It Last Year!

Yes, I said it last year! I said it the year before! Now I am saying it again!

We are not asking the women who are already using the Love Gift boxes *regularly* to give more (they are doing all right), but we are urging more women to give something. Giving to Love Gift is a blessing and not a burden. We experience a deep and quiet joy each time we participate.

Is our love giving confined to too small a circle? Do we need to extend to the periphery? Should we not enlarge our vision?

Love that is hoarded, molds at last
Until we know some day
The only thing we ever have
Is what we give away.

Kipling's Simple Rule

"I keep six honest serving men (they taught me all I know). Their names are What and Why and When, and How and Where and Who."

We are fortunate in having Kipling's simple rule. If we use these six serving men (and one man twice), they will dig out all that can possibly be known about Love Gift. Each particular "man" has a particular job. Use them all.

→ *What* is Love Gift?
→ *Where* does it come from?
→ *Who* gets it?
→ *Why* is it important?
→ *Where* does it go?
→ *How* is it given?
→ *When* is it given?

Love Gift Honor Roll

States Reporting Regularly

Arizona
Northern California
Southern California
Colorado
Connecticut
North Dakota
South Dakota
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Maine
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Utah
Vermont
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

There is only one requirement necessary for a state to be included in the National Love Gift Honor Roll: the state chairman must send a report each month to the national chairman of Love Gift. The report does not necessarily need to be complete: just *a* report once a month each month. That's all!

A Dedication Service

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8: 18

HYMN: Open My Eyes That I May See

LEADER: A man traveled around the world carrying a camera equipped to take pictures as close as five feet and as far as infinity. When he returned home, the only pictures he had were those he had taken at a distance of five feet.

A farmer visiting a cathedral in Europe was asked by the guide what he thought of it. His reply was: "Well, it sure would hold a lot of hay."

Like the farmer who stood in the midst of spiritual magnificence and could think of nothing but hay, like the world traveler, with a high-powered camera, whose vision was limited to a distance of five feet, we are prone to lose sight of our world encircling mission.

Love—His Love—is alive and at work in the world. With our Love Gifts we can see Him in Africa and in China. We can see Love trudging through the rutted roads from one village to another in India. With our Love Gifts we can see Him pleading with a mixed-up teen-ager in a Christian center. Our Love Gifts help to make possible the many facets of the world mission program in which we are engaged. May our earnest and sincere desire be that we may project our vision.

LOVE GIFT OPENING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May you find happiness—not at the end of the road—but all along the way.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Dorothy Bahr (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 611 North Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Greetings to Chairmen of White Cross!

May the year 1961 be rich in fellowship and rewarding in the satisfaction which can come only from service to others in the spirit of Christ.

Your quotas should now be close to completion. This is the time to confer with all your White Cross helpers to make sure that plans have been made for the final touches on this year's work.

Read your quota again to be sure that nothing is overlooked.

Check with all who are in any way responsible for the quota to determine that the work is done according to the instructions and will be mailed as directions specify.

American Baptist women have reason to be proud of their White Cross program. We know that it reaches out to the needy in areas both in this country and overseas, bearing witness for Christ.

Plan now to complete mailing by April 1, 1961, in order that everything accomplished by your Woman's Society can be included in the reports. Let's be sure to get the whole picture this year! Be sure to make out the reports and mail on time to meet deadlines.

The chart showing the extent of the White Cross program by states was shown widely at the 1960 American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York. Many men who had not realized the extent of this service by American Baptist women were greatly impressed as the work of each state was shown. The fourteen states whose quotas were completed were indicated by a bright red star. When the total number of boxes sent to each area was recorded and the money used for White Cross needs was totaled both men and women were greatly moved by the impressive service rendered by American Baptist women.

Be sure *your* work is included this year.

Woman's Day in Portland

We believe you will not wish to miss the American Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 14-18, 1961. June, 1961, has real significance for American Baptist women. On Woman's Day, June 14, the tenth anniversary of the organizing of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be observed. A program featuring the Council's past achievements, present success, and future aims is planned for Woman's Day.

Again this year at the 1961 Woman's Day, we shall meet by divisions for luncheon. Members of a division will, therefore, have an opportunity to meet fellow workers across the American Baptist Convention. Plan now to attend Woman's Day in Portland, Oregon, June 14, 1961. It is my hope at that time to meet many of my counterparts.

> On overseas quotas please label the size of each garment as follows: On a 1½ x 1½ inch square of white cloth, write with a ball point pen the size of garment in one-inch-high figure. Baste the square to the back of the neck of the garment.

Encouragement

Is there a church near-by that you believe needs encouragement? While many Woman's Societies do White Cross work, some do not realize the full significance of the program. Why not invite the members of another Woman's Society to meet with your society on a day when special emphasis is given to White Cross. In an exchange of methods and ways of procedure, stimulation and increased enthusiasm might result. The following essentials possibly could be impressed on all those present:

An "IF" for the Chairman of White Cross

(With apologies to Kipling)

If I can show more folk White Cross
and that it's sent to witness in His Name;
If I can fill our quota,
and urge other groups to do the same;
If I enlist enthusiastic workers
to use hands that all may know their Lord;
If I mail goods directly to home missions,
if I respond to Mather's, Haiti's call;
If I lend skill to younger sisters,
that Guilds may learn just how to do it all;
If I can dedicate each box to God's far purpose,
and send it on with love and prayer;
If I can read which box goes to the shipper,
if I recall we don't send money there;
If I can write the record and report it,
so my own state can reach its goal;
Then I can stand among the missionary workers
as partner in one Living Whole.

White Cross Exhibit

Do the members of your church know what has been accomplished through the White Cross program?

A well-planned exhibit is an effective way (1) to publicize the work which the women in your church—or association or state—have done and (2) to visualize something of the help that will be given to the mission fields through these White Cross items.

Your White Cross Exhibit

[Adapted from an outline submitted by the Reverend Robert F. Cramer, Assistant Secretary in the Public Relations Department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.]

A display should have a purpose. Consider the facts. Write out a statement naming the object of the exhibit. Picture the people to be reached with the message. Would it be the entire church constituency? Is it hoped to interest laymen in helping financially with the program, or is the objective to awaken women to work at the White Cross meetings? Once the objective is determined, the type of display can then be decided.

Consider the items to be used for the display. Should the display cover an over-all showing of White Cross materials, or be an exhibit of the work that has been done only by your Woman's Society? Will the exhibit be used on the mission field, in hospitals, schools, or clinics?

Remember that the most effective displays are those of simple design with the use of few objects. Where many items must be shown, pattern is the most effective way to prevent clutter. Strong lines and a few basic elements make for a more telling effect.

Check with others as to the place for the exhibit. There may be fire laws to consider, or the area may be needed for another purpose. Place the display where the greatest flow of traffic may be expected, and where it will receive the most attention. If possible see that materials are not dependent merely on the wall and a table.

The theme and the placing of the exhibit will help suggest the choice of colors which will best highlight the showing. Warm bright shades make friends and influence people.

Use a table display together with the wall exhibit, or consider covering three sides of a cardboard box to form a triptyche at the back of the table. Long boxes can be covered and used to lend varying levels to a table. Your druggist may be able to supply easel-backed signs which will also lend height to a table display. Shadow boxes may be used to delineate an area of work and to prevent clutter.

Three-dimensional objects, such as covered cereal boxes on which may be mounted pictures or the use of a pole (not to exceed other heights on the table) to which are attached pennant-shaped signs telling where the White Cross boxes are sent, make an interesting variety.

Dolls, dressed in American clothes for Christian centers, Indian dress, or other national costumes (refer to "Designs and Patterns" by Dorothy A. Stevens) can make vivid the uses of White Cross on the mission fields. Pen sketches, globes, the use of connecting ribbons showing destinations, are all effective aids in presenting the work.

Label the display with professional-looking signs. Each object and its use are described as though the viewer knew nothing of White Cross. Use good lettering. Shaky, poorly proportioned letters are ruinous to the over-all effect. Good letters may be obtained by cutting out and mounting them; stencils can be used; or enlarged, neat script is something effective. When your exhibit is fully prepared, take a picture of it. This will help in the preparation of your next exhibit. Do not fail to send a copy of your exhibit to your national chairman of White Cross.

Suggested Exhibit to Encourage Contributions of Used Bed Sheets

[By: Mrs. F. A. Sharp, Assistant in the Public Relations Department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.]

Use several tacks to attach the corner end of a used sheet to a wall, leaving about one-third of it spread out on a table below. Attach to the sheet or place above it a caption reading "New Life for an Old Sheet."

From the lower end of the sheet tear strips of various widths up into the body of the sheet, leaving at least one-third of the top of the sheet whole. Spread the lower part out on the table, separating the torn sections. Leave these torn strips attached. Widths to be torn: Four-inch-wide strip (to illustrate width of 4″ x 4″ squares). Strips of the various widths of bandages requisitioned by hospitals (1″, 2″, 3″, 4″, 5″, 6″, 8″).

On the four-inch strip, torn to represent how squares are torn from a sheet, measure off several four-inch sections and tear only part way. At the bottom of this strip, place a stack of the squares tied in a bundle of fifty. Individual squares may be scattered, if desired.

In front of these squares exhibit some of the ways in which squares are used:

. . . a thermometer in a glass of water, with another thermometer beside it, resting on a square, to show these are used for wipes.

. . . a formula bottle covered by a square (to keep contents sterile).

. . . a baby's bottle nipple on a square.

. . . a pile of squares on a tray of tubes and instruments.

. . . a square on which a typed sheet of paper indicates "I also serve as a sterile dressing on wounds."

. . . a tray on which has been placed a box of tissues and a stack of squares. A sign between these objects states: "A medical missionary in India uses these to replace these."

At the end of each bandage strip (1″ wide, 2″ wide, up to 8″ wide) have a roller bandage of the same size displayed, as if having been rolled off the same strip on the sheet.

In front of the 1″ bandage indicate that "thousands of these are used in schools, hospitals and clinics overseas."

A sign in front of the remainder of the bandages may read: "Dressings for use in surgical work on heads, limbs, abdomen, chest."

You will think of many other possibilities for use as illustrations.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Olive Tiller (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)
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Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Green Lake Conference—1961

Chairmen of Christian Social Relations should begin making plans now to attend the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961. Attention will be focused on the Fourth Year Baptist Jubilee Advance theme, "Mission to the Social Frontier." This emphasis lies within the area of work for which the chairmen of Christian Social Relations have responsibility.

Present plans call for empahsis on such aspects of social relations as the family in a changing world, the aging, the rejected, and also on racial understanding.

Seminars

Two opportunities for training in Christian citizenship will be offered during February and March, 1961:

1. **For Adults:** The Churchmen's Washington Seminar, an annual event, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, will be held in Washington, D. C., February 7-10, 1961. The purpose of this interdenominational conference is to demonstrate effective Christian citizenship in the setting of our national government.

Since the number of participants to the seminar from each denomination is limited, it will be necessary to make reservations as soon as possible.

2. **The Baptist Youth Fellowship's Citizenship Seminar** for high school youth will be held in Washington, D. C., and New York City, from March 5-10, 1961. Urge the young people in your church to participate.

For further information on either of these seminars, write to the Reverend Elizabeth J. Miller, Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Program on Integration

The Department of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women has outlined a proposed four-year project in working toward racial integration in church and community. It is suggested that the program shall span the years 1961-1964, and that each denominational group within United Church Women shall work out details for its own program. The two-fold purpose of the project is: (1) each denomination working at the same time toward integration within its own communion; (2) all denominations working together toward integration in the community, for example, in schools, in housing, and for voting rights, and so forth.

It was voted by the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women in September, 1960, that the National Council of American Baptist Women would participate in this project. The Reverend Elizabeth J. Miller, educational secretary for the Council on Christian Social Progress, is the American Baptist representative on the committee which will make plans for this program on integration. Our own denominational plans will be co-ordinated with the over-all program. These plans will be publicized through The American Baptist Woman, through correspondence, and also at the Green Lake Conference.

Brotherhood Month

Has your Woman's Society found ways of practicing brotherhood with neighbors of other faiths? February is designated as Brotherhood Month but there is no reason to confine our interfaith activities to any particular month of the year. Perhaps your once-a-year fellowship activities could be expanded into a continuing co-operative effort toward some mutual goal. Maybe an interfaith group could accomplish what no group could accomplish separately. For example, does your community need an organized group for retired persons? Is there a need for a study group on social issues? Or, perhaps, there is a need for a special program of work with juveniles. Common religious traditions particularly between Christians and Jews lead us to similar positions on many such questions.

New Congress

Now that a new Congress has been seated many of the items the Eighty-sixth Congress did not complete will again be under consideration. Some of these about which we should be most concerned are the following:

1. A stand against first use of germs and gas in warfare. Two such resolutions were shelved by the previous Congress.

2. Abolition of capital punishment. While each state still retains power to decide this for itself, Congress decides it for the District of Columbia.

3. Strengthening the World Court. A resolution giving the Court certain rights now reserved by the United States died in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

4. Prohibtion of the serving of liquor on commercial airlines. There was no action on such a proposal by the previous Congress.

When bills, as those referred to, are to be considered, the most effective action one can take is by writing a letter to his Congressman, stating his views clearly and concisely. Send for the pamphlet, "Register Public Opinion," for guidance in writing such a letter. This pamphlet may be obtained from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 10 cents.

Letters to newspaper editors are also a means of expressing opinion. Practical tips on the effective use of this medium are contained in the leaflet "How to Write a Letter to the Editor." For this leaflet write to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, 245 Second Street N.E., Washington 2, District of Columbia.

Civil Liberties

Are you familiar with the American Civil Liberties Union? It is an organization which helps to safeguard the constitutional freedoms of American citizens, particularly when they may be threatened. Often it has championed the cause of an unpopular victim of public scorn, assuring him of fair treatment and just hearings. The American Civil Liberties Union has units in all states.

Some areas of civil liberties with which we should be concerned are:

1. Loyalty oaths.
2. Passport restrictions.
3. Wiretapping.
4. Censorship of mail.

Any Congressional action in these areas should be given careful consideration by Christian women concerned with personal freedom. If we believe that such freedoms are being endangered or denied, it is our responsibility as Christian citizens to see to it that our voices are heard by those who make our laws.

Overseas Students

Once again our schools are crowded with many young men and women from other countries—to every state they come, and from almost every nation of the world. What will be the impressions of America and Americans that they will take with them when they return to their native lands?

This question will be answered in part by the attitudes we adopt toward them. Love, sympathy, and understanding from us are likely to be met with a similar response. And best of all we will discover that we have gained far more than we have given.

One student program in which American Baptists participate, with six other denominations, is the International Christian Youth Exchange, sponsored by the National Council of Churches. Under this program, high school young people from the United States spend an entire year (preferably their junior year) studying in a high school in a foreign country. At the same time, young people from abroad come to the United States where they live with a Christian family and attend the nearest local high school.

This year there are nine Baptist students from overseas in this country; each is living in an American Baptist home. And, for the first time, two American Baptist students have gone to Europe.

→ Of the nine Baptist students living here, one is from the Congo; two, from Japan; three, from Sweden; two, from Germany; and one, from France. The boy from the Congo is living with a Caucasian family; the one from France is living with a Negro family.

→ One of the American students is in Germany; the other, a Negro, is living in Sweden. He is the first American Negro to go to Sweden under such an arrangement.

If one of these students is living near your community, perhaps your youth group would enjoy meeting him, or having a part in his financial support. Also, if anyone in your youth group is interested in the possibility of becoming an International Christian Youth Exchange Student, write for further details to Mr. M. Matthew Giuffrida, Department of Christian Friendlines, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Refugees

Public Law 86-648, passed by Congress and signed by President Eisenhower on July 14, 1960, allows churches to continue to participate in the rehabilitation of refugees by sponsoring their admission into the United States. It also extends the orphan-adoption program which would otherwise have expired.

This act, however, discriminates against refugees from the Middle East and Asia; limits total admissions to approximately 10,000 persons; limits admission of handicapped refugees to 500; denies admission to those in need of institutional care, and requires refugees to serve a two-year probationary period before becoming eligible for permanent status.

American Baptists did a creditable job during the twelve months designated as World Refugee Year, July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960. During that period, 520 persons (198 cases) were offered new life by sponsorships processed by the Department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. And it is not over yet! The work of resettling the homeless, reuniting separated families, and finding homes for orphans continues month by month. Those interested in sponsoring a refugee should write to Mr. Matthew Giuffrida, Department of Christian Friendliness, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Become acquainted with CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality, a national organization with affiliated local groups working to abolish racial discrimination by direct non-violent methods. The success of CORE's techniques has been adequate testimony to the power of love. For further information, write to CORE, 38 Park Row, New York 38, New York.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Olga Bell (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Speaking of Scholarships!

Scholarships Are a Necessity—Not a Luxury!

A recent survey conducted by the University of Michigan for the United States Office of Education uncovered the fact that almost one-fourth of the families paying for college educations are experiencing "real difficulty" financially. To educate a student now costs a family an average of $1,550 per year, and there is evidence that this figure will go even higher. Yet, more than ever, parents are determined that their children shall receive a college education. The researchers at the University of Michigan said it this way: "Not every parent may want his child to be President, but most expect him to go to college."

How are families able to meet this increased cost of education?

→ In one-out-of-five families some additional member of the family—usually the mother—goes to work.

→ In four-out-of-five families, the student helps to pay his way with an after-school job and summer work.

At present, families are slow to borrow for education but in time this may be the accepted practice.

Therefore, scholarships take on added significance and often become the means whereby the students are able to attend the college of their choice. We find that only one family in ten receives assistance through scholarships. So, more scholarships are a necessity—not a luxury!

Women Support Scholarship Programs Cheerfully—Not Reluctantly!

A questionnaire which was returned recently by state vice-presidents of Christian Training indicates that women are contributing generously and with enthusiasm to their State Woman's Baptist Mission Society Scholarship Funds. Their giving is prompted primarily by concern for additional workers in church-related vocations, though there is a growing interest in helping students who consider every worthy vocation as a service for God.

Women are also supporting the American Baptist National Scholarship Program through their giving to CHEC (the Christian Higher Education Challenge).

Yes, women support scholarship programs cheerfully— not reluctantly!

Scholarships Are Deeply Appreciated—

Not Taken For Granted!

Following are stories of two girls who were scholarship recipients:

→ **The first,** Frances Loveridge Angle, is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Loveridge, missionaries at Poston, Arizona. Frances, who spent two years at the University of Redlands and then was graduated from Arizona State University with an A.B. degree in Education, received a scholarship from the Arizona Baptist women. Frances writes:

"It has always been my desire to thank *all* the women of Arizona for their support. . . . When I applied for the scholarship I was planning to teach in the public school for a year or two and then try to get a position in a mission school or something connected with church work. Last summer at Green Lake I talked with the Reverend Ernest Witham (Secretary, Department of Personnel, American Baptist Home Mission Societies) and he told me about some of the possibilities. Then after meeting Stan we planned to go into full-time Christian service together. This is his last year at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Next year we will go wherever the Lord leads us."

→ **The second,** Judith Higgins, is a senior at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, majoring in Art and English. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, New Jersey. Judy writes:

"Without an American Baptist scholarship I would not have been able to come to Denison. It is hard to imagine never having been here when I consider how great an effect so many things here have had on me. You ask whether the atmosphere of the college has meant anything special. Here, as in most other colleges, there is room for many atmospheres. This opportunity to find one's own niche is in itself part of the greater tenor of the college. At Denison I know professors and ministers who have shown unusual interest in the personal growth of their students. I know students who are constantly seeking to discover where they can make contributions to society, where their responsibilities lie to themselves, to their family and friends, and to the world in general. Such attitudes cannot help but lead to growth, growth that is necessary for all young people whether they decide to go into church-related vocations or not.

"In any vocation there is room for Christian witness, room and need for it. As an Art teacher I feel that my responsibility is not only to give children a chance to express themselves creatively, but also to set an example which will

help them to be better persons. In my own experience I have found that the greatest influences on me have not necessarily been these people who preach goodness and love, but rather those in whose lives I can see it. It means a lot to be able to look at a person and know that it is possible to make Christian ideals real. . . .

"I cannot say how much it has meant having an American Baptist Scholarship which permitted me to come to Denison to study in the field I chose."

Yes, scholarships are deeply appreciated—not taken for granted!

Scholarship Girls Are to Be Remembered—Not Forgotten!

Are we guilty of forgetting the scholarship girls once we have provided the money? Surely, our interest should be with them all through the year.

Mrs. E. L. Eshbaugh of Wathena, Kansas, shares with us some of the activities of her state:

→ Each society has a Picture Sheet, listing the scholarship girls and suggesting "Pray for, Contact, and Encourage These Girls."

→ An Information Sheet, giving the following information about each girl, is distributed in the fall: name, address, birthday, favorite colors, personal needs and sizes.

→ Regular monthly contact is provided by local churches upon assignment from the association which has been contacted by the state. Usually a Home Treat Box, containing ready foods, is sent.

→ Churches are urged to send the girls a card or note.

→ Women are reminded that miscellaneous items, such as stamps, stationery, and so forth, are most welcome.

The important thing is not that we send gifts, but that we remember girls. Yes, scholarship girls are to be remembered—not forgotten!

Scholarship Girls Who Marry Are An Asset—Not a Loss!

From time to time, a girl who feels called to serve in a church-related vocation and accepts a scholarship on this basis, falls in love. This is not the easiest circumstance to face, for everywhere she is confronted by women, who, inwardly at least, feel a keen sense of disappointment. Have we the right to say that the scholarship was of no value and the girl has let us down? To the contrary!

- Any girl once committed to serving Christ in a church-related vocation will be a more effective lay leader in the church because of her training. How fortunate the church to which the girl belongs!

- Any home having as its wife and mother a girl once committed to serving Christ in a church-related vocation will have a keener witness for Christ because of her training. How fortunate the home to which the girl belongs!

We are discovering, too, that some of these women return to missionary or Christian Education work after their children are grown. The Y.W.C.A. has some words of wisdom at this point: "The recent college graduate may get married at the end of her first year and have a baby at the end of her second. But if she leaves your Association feeling that the Y.W.C.A. is a good organization in which to work, she may be ready to take another job in the Association five, ten, or fifteen years from now."[1]

Let us have a positive attitude about the girl to whom we have given a scholarship. Whether she serves as a laywoman or returns to a church-related vocation, it has been a good investment! Yes, scholarship girls who marry are an asset—not a loss!

Let us continue to support scholarship programs!

PREP!

→ **Question:** What is the meaning of PREP?

Answer: Planning the Right Education Program for our Sons and Daughters.

→ **Question:** Who is promoting PREP?

Answer: PREP is a program sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the Men's Fellowship. The same material will be published in the 1961-1962 Woman's Society Program Packet and the Program Planning Guide for American Baptist Men.

→ **Question:** Who attends the program?

Answer: All the men and women of the church, with special invitations going to families who have children or grandchildren younger than college age.

→ **Question:** When will we have the PREP program?

Answer: The program is scheduled for February, 1962.

→ **Question:** Why talk about it now?

Answer: As vice-president of Christian Training you have two responsibilities in the near future:

1. You will need to submit a budget amount for materials to be used in the program.
2. You will need to be sure the Program Committee included PREP in next year's schedule.

→ **Question:** Who serves on the PREP Committee?

Answer: The following:

1. The vice-president of Christian Training and the chairman of Family Life from the Woman's Society;
2. The Executive Vice-President and the Growth Chairman from the Men's Fellowship;
3. The Student Counselor from the Board of Christian Education.

→ **Question:** What shall I do now?

Answer: The vice-president of Christian Training calls the committee together and the committee elects its own chairman.

The important matter now is to determine the amount of money to be requested in the 1961-1962 budget by the Division of Christian Training. The approximate cost for a filmstrip and pamphlets will average twenty-five cents per person who attends. Endeaver to determine the number of people who might attend from the Woman's Society, the Men's Fellowship, and those related to the church school program through their children. Expense should be shared by the three organizations participating in the program. If the church has no Men's Fellowship and/or no Student Counselor, schedule the program anyway; men and women will be invited to attend. Determine the cost as best you can.

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[1] Quoted from the Y.W.C.A. Personnel Administration Manual, Publication Services, National Board, Y.W.C.A. New York City, New York. Used with permission.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Mildred Kreager (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Counterparts:

If you were asked to define the difference between a denominational Women's Fellowship and a secular organization for women, what would your answer be? "Worship," of course, and your answer is correct. Worship is one of the distinguishing factors. Therefore, we who are members of a Woman's Baptist Mission Society must have, if we are to help others "come nearer to God," more than a nodding acquaintance with him.

Stop at this moment and acknowledge God's presence. Take time right now to pray for all those on your prayer list, those for whom you were going to pray at eight o'clock this morning or at the hour designated by your prayer fellowship as the best time to remember one another in prayer.

Your Chairman of Program and You

- Have you checked with the chairman of Program for your Woman's Society, concerning the theme for the next meeting?
- Does the person responsible for the program know that the woman preparing the worship portion has been praying for her?
- Have they discussed the goal of the program?
- Does the devotional leader have helpful materials?
- Does the devotional leader know what your church library has in the way of devotional books, resources, translations, recordings?
- Does the devotional leader fully realize that good music is an important aid to preparation for worship?

How Recently Did You . . .

→ Provide adequate devotional material for individual use?

→ Encourage the observance of personal devotional periods?

→ Hold a prayer group for the devotional leaders of your circles, your association, your state?

→ Read a book—one that you found difficult to finish?

Young people are often accused of possessing a "know-it-all" attitude. Might the responsibility for that attitude be ours, if we have refused to continue the learning process by study, research, and by seeking to understand the wonders of God's world?

Let us fix our sights on spiritual growth for this new challenging year of 1961.

Don't Miss

The editorial, written by Dr. Irene A. Jones, on the inside cover page of this issue of The American Baptist Woman. This editorial on the World Day of Prayer pertains to one of our responsibilities as chairmen of Spiritual Life.

You have, I believe, received the letter and leaflet concerning the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer, and I hope that you are not only making use of the material . . .

"There Came a Woman"
"The Gift of Prayer"
"The Glorious Liberty"
"With Tomorrow Yet to Come"

but are holding prayer fellowships in preparation for the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

The basis for the Bible study is: John 4: 1-42.

The purpose of these prayer fellowships is to help women:

→ Speak with one another concerning the relevance and power of prayer for the work of God's people in the world today.

→ Share a biblical study of God's action within history.

→ Seek to discover God at work in the midst of these problems.

→ Propose some concerted effort of Christians toward their solution.

"The praying man is fortified."—George Buttrick.

Baptist Jubilee Advance

The emphases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are becoming increasingly significant to the members of American Baptist churches. Chairmen of Spiritual Life know that . . .

1. They must have a thorough knowledge of the goals and program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—Second Year.

2. They are a member of the Interpretation Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—Third Year Emphasis: "Mission to the Unchurched."

3. They must, for obvious reasons, attend training sessions for the third year emphasis, while the second year emphasis is being observed in the churches.

4. They must contact their counterparts—local chairmen communicate with association chairmen, association chairmen communicate with state chairman—to be sure they have noted on their calendars correct dates for the training sessions in their areas.

Depth Bible Study

Depth Bible study continues to bring blessing, challenge, and satisfactoin to those who participate in this method of Bible study. One local chairman of Spiritual Life writes:

"As a chairman of Spiritual Life in a small church in the country, I no longer feel like a flower pressed between the leaves of the family Bible at a page containing a funeral text; but I am caught up in the stream of the living word of God."

No longer is the chairman of Spiritual Life "one asked to serve in this capacity because she can do nothing else"!

For chairmen of Spiritual Life, *Dynamic Christian Fellowship*,[1] by Dr. Leroy Day, is an excellent manual to study. On the very first page of *Dynamic Christian Fellowship*, Dr. Day's clear meaning of Matthew 18: 20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," provides helpful material for a session in Bible study. Price, $1.00.

Creative Corner

Mrs. Lee Shane, serves as chairman of Spiritual Life for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Washington, District of Columbia. In the District of Columbia are many Baptist churches which are aligned with both the American and the Southern Baptist Conventions. "In the month of September," writes Mrs. Shane, "we have a week of prayer for state missions. This week of prayer usually culminates in a quiet service of devotion held in one of the churches. In December, we hold a week of prayer for missions overseas, with a missionary speaker and a prayer time, which consists of a playlet, readers, slides, poetry, or music, followed by special prayer. Sometimes a soloist sings one phrase of the Lord's Prayer, stopping for audible prayer by one who has been prepared beforehand, then continuing with phrase and prayer until the final phrase is sung; then the congregation sings the Lord's Prayer. At other times a woman, possibly in a costume of another land, appears, and briefly tells what Christ has meant to her. A speaker may tell of work in a mission area, after which the group prays audibly *in unison*, each member of the group mentioning a missionary or a field for which she has especial concern."

Mrs. Helen Hadlock, state chairman of Spiritual Life for Arizona Woman's Baptist Mission Society, writes: "When reading the Bible accept the message as being personal. Make the message practical. If you have made a personal application of the Bible message, follow it with a plan of action; otherwise it has been a complete waste of time. 'I ought to forgive people' is useless unless it becomes: 'I ought to forgive . . . for that action I've been holding against her.'"

Mrs. Howard Blanchard, chairman of Spiritual Life for the Pennsylvania Woman's Baptist Mission Society, gives practical study questions for reading the Bible Book of the Month: "Follow the reading with a quiz, buzz session, panel, or choose some word or theme contained in the Book and try a group conversation."

Mrs. Robert Hamilton, chairman of Spiritual Life for the Colorado Woman's Baptist Mission Society, sent out a mimeographed sheet of questions—and thoughtfully provided some of the answers: "How big is your Bible? How much of it do you read? What do you know of its people, its history, its promises? Do you memorize, understand, live the words you read?"

Mrs. Robert White, chairman of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Michigan, writes: "Christ conveyed every one of his great messages in the simple language of the street; so simply told. At the Chicago Art Institute students are trained to make fifty layout arrangements with every set of ideas. They learn to stretch their minds that way. Is this not a lesson for us all. . .?"

Have you used the program theme for the year—"That Ye May Know"—as one Scripture passage for study in your Depth Bible Study group?

Additions to Your Library

→ *Vital Possessions.* Fourteen devotions in prose and poetry, by Grace Noll Crowell. This book of devotions "breathes a spirit of wonder and an attitude of open-hearted awareness." The following titles are included in the series of devotions: Our Bible, The Church, Homes, Neighbors, God's Gift of Beauty, Memory, Privilege of Prayer, Simplicity, God's Gift of Life, Our Changeless Friend, and The Ultimate Triumph. Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, $1.50.

→ *How to Plan Informal Worship.* A helpful guide that tells in easy-to-read style what steps are necessary to plan worship services which will be meaningful. Price, $1.00.[1]

→ *Upper Room Series.* This series of eight small books include: "Meeting God": through the Bible; through the Bible Poets; through the Beatitudes; through Romans; through the Best-Loved Chapters; through Amos; through Isaiah; through St. Paul. Order from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Price of packet including series of eight books, $1.00.

→ *Sermon Nuggets in Stories.* A collection by William L. Stidger. Price, $1.50.[1]

→ *They Teach Us to Pray.* By Reginald E. C. White. An ABC of prayer. Price, $3.00.[1]

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[1] American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

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What's Ahead For The Family?

The Answer Is. . . .

New Horizons

In

Family

Life

Education!

Pioneer families braved unknown horizons to provide a more abundant life for their children. American Baptist women are moving toward new horizons for family living in 1961-1962. Two new projects will be promoted by the chairmen of Family Life Education in 1961-1962. They are: (1) Planning the Right Education Program for our Sons and Daughters; (2) Making a Will.

PREP

PREP—Planning the Right Education Program—is designed to (1) help parents prepare their young people for college, (2) give guidance in selecting the right school, and (3) to make suggestions about financing a college education.

PREP has three objectives: (1) to inspire American Baptist men and women to encourage their sons and daughters to enter church vocations; (2) to dramatize to American Baptist parents the need for their sons and daughters to go to college; (3) to instruct parents in planning for the Christian higher education of their children.

The activities of the PREP program will fall into two phases:

1. Literature of Guidance, which will consist of pamphlets giving encouragement and practical counsel to parents.

2. Training Program, which will be held in the American Baptist churches in February, 1962, in cooperation with the Men's Fellowship.

A PREP guide, suggesting materials needed will be found in the Program Packet for 1961-1962.

A filmstrip, entitled "How to Visit a College," will stimulate a discussion session.

PREP and the Chairman of Family Life

1. The vice-president of Christian Training will have the responsibility for initiating PREP in the church.

2. The chairman of Family Life will be a member of the PREP committee in her church.

3. The chairman of Family Life will work with the committee to interest the families of the church in attending the Training Program scheduled for February, 1962.

4. The PREP project is one that is planned for the average American Baptist church. It can be carried on by as few as ten persons; it can be expanded by churches with large memberships.

Be ready to work with your local committee in helping the families of your church in Planning the Right Education Program.

WILLS

Have you made a will? If so, does it express your concern for the needs and desires of your family? Will it be valid?

It is probably safe to say that the majority of American Baptist women who are reading this page in The American Baptist Woman are from families that have no will. Seventy per cent of American property owners die without a will. Everyone has the legal and moral right to decide what shall become of his or her property after death, but the law gives this right only to those who make a will. Without a will your property is disposed of according to law.

Why do so many people in America neglect making a will? Some have a superstitious fear that making a will may hasten death. Procrastination prevents others.

Some feel that their resources are too small. Whether your possessions are large or small, it is almost always less expensive to make a will than not to do so. There is no law requiring anyone to make a will. It is a privilege of all who are of legal age. Is it not for the Christian a religious duty?

→ What are the advantages of a will?

1. A will is one way to be sure that what you leave will go to those for whom you intend it.

2. The disposal of possessions can be made while you are in good health and of sound mind. The loved ones in your family need this consideration.

3. Christian causes which have been close to your heart can be aided by your remembrance.

4. Delays in settling the estate and unnecessary taxes are eliminated and legal costs are reduced.

→ What should a will include?

1. Provision for one's debts.

2. Bequests for the widow or widower—and the children.

3. Gifts to causes which express your concern for the work of Christ.

→ How do we make a will?

1. Make a careful list of all possessions.

2. Make a list of persons and institutions you wish to remember in your will. List amount or percentage of estate that you wish to leave to each.

3. Decide upon the executor.

4. See a lawyer. Do not try to make your own will. Your will must be witnessed and signed by at least two disinterested persons who together witness that you have signed the will and declare it to be such, and that you were in good health and of sound mind.

→ Why should the chairmen of Family Life encourage the making of will?

1. We are concerned for the thousands of women who are left with the care and education of their children but without the adequate use of the resources that they helped their husbands to accumulate.

2. We are concerned that families continue to have the security and care that parents want for their children.

3. We are concerned that American Baptist families come to realize that they cannot afford not to have a will.

4. We have been designated by the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women as the leaders to help American Baptist women, through the Woman's Society, to realize the importance of making a will.

Program Notes For . . .

Chairmen of Family Life

1. The new program packet for 1961-1962 has a Christian Family Life program entitled, "Echoes of the Holy Family."

2. The Department of Adult and Family Life of the Board of Education and Publication, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, has announced the release of an administrative manual on Christian Family Life entitled "Serving Families Through Your Church." Price, 50 cents.

3. The October, 1960, issue of *Hearthstone* magazine has two excellent programs: "Appreciation of Fine Arts in the Family," and "Art and Music Enrich Family Worship." These articles include program suggestions and discussion guides.

4. The Guide for Depth Bible Study is helpful for those planning Depth Bible Study for family worship with teen-agers.

5. The Findings from the workshops conducted at the 1960 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, included a suggestion that local societies present a program on "Grandmothers Needed." The following source materials were recommended: Public Affairs Pamphlets, No. 174 "How to be a Good Grandmother," and No. 208 "When Parents Grow Old." Order from Public Affairs, 22 East 38th Street, New York 6, New York. Price, 25 cents each.

6. The promotion of National Family Week, May 7-14. Work with the Family Life Committee in your church. Plan a special meeting on family life for the Woman's Society during the month of May.

7. The achievement of the two following goals for 1960-1961 by local chairmen of Family Life: (1) Cooperate with the church committee on Adult Work or the church Family Life Committee; (2) Carry a program on family life to the circles.

A New Set of Ten Commandments

Rabbi Julius Mark of Temple Emmanu-El, New York City, New York, suggested the following to those attending the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth:

1. Be loving to your children. Make them feel wanted.
2. Don't expect impossibilities of them.
3. Never deceive your children. You won't succeed.
4. Keep your promises. If it is a reward, give it. If it is punishment, inflict it.
5. Correct your children's shortcomings early.
6. Never exaggerate to them the value of material things.
7. Do nothing and say nothing that you will not want your child to do or to say.
8. Show no favoritism among your children.
9. Make your house a home for your children.
10. Guide them intelligently and patiently in their quest for God.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

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Small Groups of Committed Persons

The program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, Second Year, has been emphasizing the significance and the roles of small groups in the life of the church. In the BJA *Basic Interpretation,* we read that "group life of one kind or another has been prominent in the church from its beginning. At the center of Jesus' ministry was a core of twelve disciples, the inner group of the Christian movement. The first Christian churches were small groups of committed persons, so small that they conveniently could meet in the homes of their members."

Power in Small Groups

"There was something dynamic about these churches," we continue to read in the *Basic Interpretation.* "As members prayed with one another, a personal relationship developed that ministered to their deepest needs. They listened to God's word as it was read, and frankly discussed questions they had about their beliefs until every member of the group was involved and each one's faith was strengthened. Throughout their meetings, they felt the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit who sent them out to witness for Christ in their daily lives with courage and conviction."

The close-knit companionship of the early church is missing in many of our contemporary, institutional churches. The culture in which we live becomes increasingly impersonal. The intimate fellowship of an earlier day is replaced by casual acquaintance. All too many church members limit their contacts with the church to an occasional attendance at the service of corporate worship where they maintain their anonymity and are lost in the crowd. The Baptist Jubilee Advance is rightfully emphasizing the need for every church member to be involved in the fellowship of the church at a depth level. It is in the church's small, face-to-face groups that this kind of fellowship can best be developed. Here, the Woman's Society in the small church, and the circles in the larger churches, have a distinctive role to play. But what is their role? Let's be more specific!

The Role of Women's Groups in the Church

In general terms, the role of the Woman's Society or circle is essentially the same as the role of any church-related small group, for every church group should have essentially three functions: (1) a task to perform, (2) a ministry to persons, and (3) the development of a fellowship.

A Task to Perform

Every church group needs to see its goals in reference to the redemptive purposes of the church itself. No church group has any reason to exist unless it has a sense of Christian mission. The weakness of many groups lies in the weakness of their mission. It is tragic when a Woman's Society or circle possesses no deep, motivating sense of purpose.

The kind of commitment needed by a woman's group, a vital dedication to the redemptive purpose of the church, will not be achieved unless within the group there is a nucleus of persons who are themselves in vital relationship with God through Christ, and with his church. When such a nucleus of dedicated persons is not present, the life of a Woman's Society or circle will be spiritually sterile and fruitless.

A Ministry to Persons

In his book *Dynamic Christian Fellowship,* Dr. Leroy Day writes that "each person comes into a group with personal needs to be met" and he implies that it is the function of a church group to meet those needs. Every member of a group needs to be accepted, to feel that he belongs. Every member needs to be forgiven, and to seek forgiveness when it is required. Every member needs to be loved, and to love. Every member needs to sense the presence and guiding power of the Holy Spirit. In meeting all of these needs, the Woman's Society or circle can be helpful, providing it understands that meeting the needs of its members is part of its task, and develops a real concern for people.

The Development of a Fellowship

Paul characterized the church as a fellowship of persons who had such a sense of concern for one another that they truly were "members one of another." Introduce certain people into a group and before long everybody will be at sixes and sevens, a spirit of discord will prevail. But other people have the ability to bring the group together into a sense of unity and fellow feeling. May their tribe increase, for a church group that is not a harmonious fellowship is a contradiction and a scandal.

THE DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT IN A SMALL SOCIETY

The Society:

1. MEMBERSHIP: A small society has fewer than 25 members.
2. ORGANIZATION: A small society organized after the pattern suggested in the "Constitution for a Woman's Baptist Mission Society with Fewer than 25 Members" may function as efficiently as a larger society.
3. OFFICERS: A small society has an Executive Committee made up of the President, First Vice-President, Vice-President of Missions, Vice-President of Christian Service, Vice-President of Christian Training, Secretary-Treasurer.
4. GROWTH: A small society should add chairmen within the divisions as the society grows.

The Division Vice-President:

1. THE VICE-PRESIDENT shall promote all areas of work in her division. She is the division.
2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT has a division meeting each time she sits down to plan her work. The plans should be correlated since they represent the total work of the division.
3. THE VICE-PRESIDENT will send her name and address to the four association counterparts—the association vice-president of her division and the three association chairmen in her division—from whom she will receive information and letters.
4. THE VICE-PRESIDENT should study the suggested "Constitution for a Woman's Baptist Mission Society with Fewer than 25 Members" and the pamphlets, "The Small Society" and "With One Accord."
5. THE VICE-PRESIDENT will find suggestions in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for each officer and chairman. The spring issue contains the Emphases (Goals) for the year, which will enable the vice-president to execute responsibilities of the division as well as to promote the work among the women of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.
6. THE VICE-PRESIDENT maintains an up-to-date workbook for each area of work. She files all her correspondence including an outline of plans. She is prepared to pass on a file of materials and a workbook to her successor. Copies of the annual report serve as a record of work accomplished.
7. THE VICE-PRESIDENT, at the end of the year, will fill in four reports: one for each area of work in her division. The reports should be sent to her association counterparts.
8. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS will make a careful study early in the year of the *Objectives* in the *Report Book* and in consultation with the Executive Committee will choose the objectives to be accomplished by the Woman's Society.
9. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS should request that an item for each division be included in the budget of the Woman's Society.

Resources:

1. "Constitution for Fewer than 25 Members"
2. Pages from *Leader's Guide*
3. *The Annual Report Book*
4. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN
5. Division Pamphlets
6. "Literature Highlights"
7. *You Can Be a Leader*
8. *The Magic Circle*
9. Annual Program Packet
10. The Love Gift Kit
11. Guild of Intercessors Packet
12. *Missions* Magazine
13. *Crusader*
14. New Literature Packet

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

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Your Witness Is Showing

A young mother said to her pastor, "I wish I had someone to talk to during the day, someone who would answer me when I speak. If I did not turn on the radio I would not hear a human voice from the time my husband leaves in the morning until he gets home at night."

Overhearing that remark caused me to wonder just how many persons I talk with during an average day. Before I leave the house I call to the lady upstairs; then on my way to the bus, I greet a neighbor or two. I buy a paper from the same newsboy every morning and joke with him. The bus driver is an old friend and tells me, "Have a good day." There are the same old commuters with the same old complaints. Maybe I do not know their names, but we talk and sympathize with one another. The same traffic policeman is on the same corner; he gives me a grin as he stops the traffic to let me cross. The elevator operators say, "Good morning," to everyone with a comment about the weather. The folk I work with are friendly—and garrulous. I meet waitresses in restaurants, salespersons in shops—friends and neighbors all.

Do we, as employed women, realize how many lives we touch during the course of a day? No matter what our job is—nurse, office or industrial worker, school teacher, or salesperson—if it gets us out of the home and into the world, we meet and greet other people who are affected by us as we are by them. Do they know that we are Christian women, concerned with the mission of the church? Employed women have a great privilege and a great responsibility. Our witness shows! Let us be aware of what it reveals!

Illinois Is Tops

The reports sent in for 1959-1960 show Illinois, with Mrs. J .E. Alcorn, vice-president of Business and Professional Women, in first place. Mrs. Alcorn is a church secretary and "a peppy little grandmother."

Study the chart of the five states leading in active membership of business and professional women.

Accurate and complete reports would, doubtless, increase the total for each of the 35 states.

State	*Active B. & P. W. Groups*	
Illinois	1,839	58
Southern California	1,591	56
Northern California	1,462	23
Kansas	1,354	44
Indiana	1,327	22

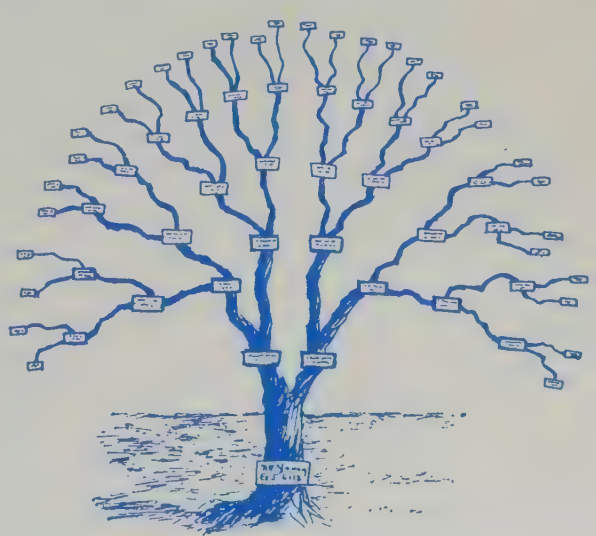
The Will-You Tree

When Hurricane Donna blew across New England in September, 1960, she caused hundreds of meetings and gatherings to be canceled or postponed on very short notice. She arrived on a day when a potluck supper was scheduled to be held in the First Baptist Church of Medford, Massachusetts. Obviously it was necessary to get word regarding the change in plans into many homes within a short time.

Would you like to be able to extend an invitation, ask co-operation, or get a message to the members of your group quickly and easily? Then set up a "Will-You Tree" with names and telephone numbers.

You, as leader, will be at the trunk with your feet firmly on the ground, where I am sure they always are!

You call by telephone the two persons named on your branches. Those two persons will call the two persons named on their branches, and so forth.



Will-You Tree

If each one makes two telephone calls within three minutes, 62 persons can be contacted within fifteen minutes, or 2,046 within a half hour!

As a practical matter, however, to simplify the drawing of the tree, if you have more than 62 persons to notify, just add another limb to your tree and you, as leader, make three calls instead of two.

Vacation at Green Lake

It is a well-known fact that employed women work and save for fifty weeks in order to have two weeks off for spending. It is not too soon to make plans for the summer of 1961, particularly if your time off must dovetail with that of a co-worker—and if finances must be considered.

Green Lake, Wisconsin, is ideal vacation country and July 8-15, the date of the Women's Conference at the American Baptist Assembly, is the time to go. At the National Women's Conference, you will find rest (at night) and relaxation (at Vespers), fun (make your own), education (provided by the Conference committee), and inspiration (from God). You will go home refreshed in body and spirit, with an entirely new outlook having made many friends from Maine to California.

Expenses are kept as low as possible and nowhere can so many get so much for so little! Why not arrange a car pool for four or five working girls in your community, share expenses, and go sight-seeing along the way? The Massachusetts women have chartered a bus for two years and some forty women and Guild girls were able to travel from Boston to Green Lake for fifty dollars each. The price included cost of lodging at stop-overs also! If this can be done from the East Coast, it can be done from the West Coast, or any place in between.

The Fellowship Guild girls have their conference at the same time as the National Women's Conference. Guild girls will enjoy traveling with you.

"What Does the Lord Require of Me?" is the theme for the 1961 National Women's Conference. Complete information about the conference is being distributed in your state through the vice-president of Christian Training.

Don't miss the 1961 National Women's Conference. I'll be looking for you.

Looking Ahead

Report time is drawing near and soon we shall be adding the totals and evaluating the year's work. We strive for larger numbers in our groups or circles each year, for greater Love Gift offerings, more White Cross work completed, and more worthy projects undertaken. As we grow in wisdom and stature through our striving, we become more aware of the needs of others. With faith and confidence we look ahead trying always to improve in all we do.

A pamphlet entitled, "Looking Ahead Toward Better Things to Come," is published periodically by one of the large Boston banks. In it are listed various new inventions and scientific developments of interest to the general public. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for this pamphlet (it is free), send me a postal card with your name and address, asking for "Looking Ahead." This is one way, too, to find out who is reading this page!

My Salada tea tag says: "To make an easy job seem difficult, just keep putting off doing it!"

To the Local Vice-President

In our efforts to attract the woman who works outside the home and to provide programs which will hold her interest, there may be the danger of our group of business and professional women becoming merely another secular organization. As leaders we must bear in mind that we have something more to offer than do clubs or lodges, and we must endeavor at every meeting to provide food for the soul. Do you have a chairman of Spiritual Life as one of your officers? If so, be sure that she reads "her page" in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

As you co-operate with your Woman's Society for mutual benefit, give yourself and your group the following "Test for Toilers," scoring 10 points for each affirmative answer:

Do you . . .

1. Make a new list of all employed women on your church rolls every year? (More women are constantly entering or re-entering employment.)
2. Extend frequent *personal* invitations to all women on this list to become active members of your business and professional women's group or circle?
3. Invite business associates, with no church affiliations to attend meetings?
4. Plan your program a year in advance to gain variety, endeavoring to achieve goals as stated in "Opportunities Plus . . . "?
5. Have a project in Social Relations?
6. Participate in Love Gift and report frequently? Accept and complete White Cross quota?
7. Subscribe to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN and distribute pages?
8. Provide a library with books on current reading listed in "Literature Highlights" and "Friends Through Books?"
9. Publicize activities in local newspapers?
10. Prepare and keep up-to-date Workbook for your use and later for your successor?

Programs Versus Projects

Much has been said and written about programs to interest business and professional women in our churches. Possibly we are emphasizing "interest" too much and should consider something to "challenge" these employed women whose time is so limited they do not allow it to be wasted.

Instead of "programs to interest" why not try "projects for action"? What needs to be done in your church—in your community? Challenge your business and professional women with a job, a big job which is worth doing! Have a good time doing it! Be enthusiastic!

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

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To All Fellowship Guild Counselors

Dear Friends:

Many Fellowship Guild Counselors have inquired about the correct time for carrying out certain responsibilities during the year. For you, I have devised the following calendar which I trust will be helpful. This calendar is suggestive. It is not intended to indicate that the events mentioned *must* be done at the suggested time, but rather to give you a guide for the days ahead as you counsel Fellowship Guild girls.

A Counselor's Calendar for 1961

[The Denominational *Program* Year runs, as you know, from May 1 to April 30. However for your convenience in entering suggestions on your personal calendar, the following ideas for the year 1961 have been set up to coincide with the *calendar* year.]

January

Guild-Woman's Society meeting! Plan a combined meeting for the Woman's Society and all the chapters of Guild in your church. (If this suggestion is too late for January, 1961, initiate plans for a combined meeting in January, 1962.) The girls need to become acquainted with the women and the women with the girls. Such a meeting, held shortly following the Christmas-New Year holidays, may hold special interest in coming at a time when the members of both groups are desirous of an unusual meeting. Why not plan for the Guild girls to tell of their reading program? The members of the Woman's Society might be willing, after hearing reports on specific books, to help with the purchase of new books.

February

Program of Degrees! Look over the requirements for the three degrees and again familiarize yourself with them. Be ready to help any girl with any of the three degrees. Secure the necessary certificates and services for conferring the degrees from the B.Y.F. office, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

March

Rally time in the association or state! How well do you know your counterparts? Do the girls have friends in near-by churches? Plan to promote a meeting with other counselors and Guild girls in churches in your area; exchange ideas for programs. A variety of skills and vocations could be brought to the attention of the girls through the use of the state theme for 1961, "Take My Life."

April

Reports are due this month! This is a *must* on your calendar! Help your association counselor by mailing your report on April 8, or earlier if necessary to assure her receiving it by April 10. Your promptness will enable your association counselor to have her report in the hands of her state counselor on April 19. Your state counselor will, in turn, be able to send her report in time to be delivered to your national counterpart *before* April 28. If a *complete* annual report is to be ready *on time*, it is therefore, obvious that it is up to the local counselor to *begin the procedure on time.*

April is also the logical month to bring your Workbook up-to-date; this is especially important if you complete your term of office this year. The excellent file and Workbook given to your present national counselor by her predecessor, Mrs. Robert Manogg, has proved invaluable. Did you have the same experience?

May

Mothers and daughters have a way with each other, especially at the time of Mother's Day. Why not plan a tea or banquet in honor of Mother's Day and in so doing fulfill one requirement for the degree program? Try various ways, there are many, of meeting the degree requirements.

May is usually the month of state B.Y.F. meetings. What an excellent time to promote Guild throughout a wider area! Investigate the possibility of a Guild workshop for counselors.

Make plans for the first Program Planning Conference. Refer to suggestions for September.

June

State house party time draws near in many areas. Are your Guild girls planning to attend? Have they been prepared to lead in discussions, and helped to fulfill their obligations as Guild girls? As their counselor your assistance, prior to the house party, can be valuable in many ways.

July

The National Fellowship Guild Conference! Place, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Time, July 8-15, 1961. The

emphasis, Missionary World Outreach. The theme, "Every Person Is Our Mission." The Scripture, the story of the Good Samaritan. The hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Make your plans *now* for this week at Green Lake.

August

For many this is the traditional month for vacation. Possibly you are reserving part of your vacation period for making plans for the fall program in your chapter and for extra reading. Be sure, however, to relax and to refresh yourself for the busy fall season that is ahead.

September

Program Planning Conference! With the Guild Commission complete plans for the year's program. Order the program packets well in advance of your meeting, in order that they may be at hand when needed. Keep in mind all four emphases of the Fellowship Guild: Missionary World Outreach, Christian Personality Development, Christian Home, and Skills and Vocation.

October

Your chapter's quota for White Cross, doubtless, has been received from your association counselor. Now is the time to look it over and to help the girls in distributing the work and deciding when the quota should be completed.

November

Project Promotion! Fellowship Guild girls *"love to"* help others. Several interesting projects are underway. Refer to page 40 of 1960 fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Your chapter may want to accept the "Ties to Thailand" project. Chapters that have not made bibs for the Mounds-Midway Hospital may choose this project or one of the others listed in the booklet available at ten cents per copy from the Mounds-Midway Hospital Auxiliary, 1700 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Often there are community projects of such demanding necessity that the chapters might wish to help the local needs first.

There is one project in which all chapters will wish to participate—The Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. A contribution of one dollar from each chapter will make possible scholarships for several Guild girls who desire higher education. Contributions should be sent to the Baptist Board of Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Use the new envelope previously sent to you by your association counselor. Write to me if I can be of any help to you.

December

Vesper Day and Love Gift Dedications! Encourage your chapter to assist in plans for the B.Y.F. Vesper Day, the first Sunday in December.

As the month draws to a close, be sure that all Love Gift contributions have been given to the church treasurer, and marked: "Guild Love Gift." Throughout the year, this "over and above gift" can make a difference in the attitudes of the girls. Use monthly openings as far as possible with simple dedication services.

This is your calendar for the year. Adopt it—adapt it—as you feel the need—but do use it!

"This Time, With Understanding"

A beautifully written, circle theatre drama was presented the final evening of the 1960 Green Lake Guild House Party. "This Time, with Understanding" was written by Miss Rose Grano, editor of *Jr. High Topic* and *The High Call.* Write to me if you wish a copy of Miss Grano's script which incorporates, within the story, dedication services for Love Gift, White Cross, and new officers. The play will be printed in the 1961 spring issue of *The High Call.*

The use of this drama is recommended as you install new commission officers. It will be necessary to make a small change at the end of the script, adapting it to use by the local chapter. Do not fail to have a copy of "This Time, with Understanding," which tells why we are a *Fellowship* Guild!

Love Gift Boxes

One year ago, nine thousand Love Gift boxes were available for distribution to local Guild chapters. In September, 1960, the supply was exhausted, and reprint was not possible until 1961. Will you, as a local counselor, carefully watch the use of the Guild Love Gift boxes? Each Guild girl should own a box for her personal use, but Love Gift boxes should not be discarded thoughtlessly following little use. If there occur to you ways by which to save the boxes from year to year, do let me know. Perhaps at the time of the dedication service for Love Gift each box could be emptied and taken home, thus eliminating the frequent requests for new boxes.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Gifts are now being received by the hundreds for the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. To many chapters a personal note has been written, expressing my appreciation for the contribution, and it is my hope to acknowledge personally all gifts.

Continue to send your contribution that more than one Guild girl may send her gratitude to you next year.

Report Time Approaches

Remember, please to list on the annual report for your chapter (1) amount *given* to Love Gift; (2) *spent* on White Cross; (3) number of girls participating in the reading program. Reading awards are not being made at present, however, we do want to know the number of girls participating in the reading program.

Remember please . . .

→ To send an original dedication service in order that we may have our own Guild Love Gift Kit.

→ To use Book of Remembrance as a source of names of missionaries who might become Prayer Partners.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: Louise Reagan
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)

National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women

Home Address: 4140 Rivercrest Drive, Salem, Oregon

Dear Secretaries:

Have you ever thought of the true meaning of your title, "secretary"? A quick look in a dictionary or thesaurus indicates that you are many things: a person who cares for and writes letters, reports, records, and so forth.

→ If you are a "recording" secretary, you put or place upon record, chronicle, calendar, hand down to posterity, report, commit to writing, note, put or set down . . .

→ If you are a "corresponding" secretary, you write, send letters, communicate by writing, circularize, follow-up, reply . . .

And there is, of course, still another meaning for "secretary": "a writing desk with bookshelves above." As you take all your records, rosters and rules to the meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, perhaps you, too, frequently recall that definition.

Yes, you are all of the above and much more as you faithfully record minutes, conduct correspondence, and assist the president.

How to Make Your Job Easier

The following suggestions will help to make more simple the job of the secretary, who, like you, has so much under her jurisdiction:

1. Record only *action.* No matter how much discussion precedes the vote, record only the action taken. This procedure provides an accurate, unbiased record of business transacted.

2. Request that a motion, when long and involved, be given to you in writing. The maker of the motion will, doubtless, be willing to furnish it to you in writing. After all, a motion so entangled that the secretary cannot record it as spoken would probably be improved when written—and possibly reworded—by the maker.

3. Don't bog down! During secretarial workshops we've discovered that as secretaries we are likely to "bog down" on the recording of reports, with a tendency to include everything! This must not be done. Therefore, condense and include in the minutes only the main points of the report. It also helps to have the officers and chairmen submit their reports in writing. In a local Woman's Baptist Mission Society this may not be necessary, but the association or state secretary will find this procedure invaluable.

4. Refer to the other half of this page for the com-

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To the Treasurers

From: Evelyn Lloyd
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National Treasurer
National Council of American Baptist Women

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A Budget! Why?

"The Lord only expects us to do the best we can with what we have and are," declared an eminent New York clergyman. A consideration of what we do with what "we are" falls within the province of this column to the extent that what "we are" reflects what we do with what "we have."

In order to do the best we can with that common denominator — money — we American Baptist women must carefully plan for its accumulation and its expenditure. A budget, thoughtfully and prayerfully drawn, is essential to this planning. A budget is, in fact, to a high degree, the instrument of planned *stewardship* which explains in one word doing the best we can with what we have.

Some think of a budget as a drab cut-and-dried tabulation of income versus out-go. But it is so much more than that. A good budget not only records what you must do and expect to do, but it also indicates what you hope to do beyond your basic program. So often those desires which we hope to accomplish—but never do for one reason or another—are those things which would contribute toward the best that can be accomplished with what we have.

When a budget is drawn it should cover not only the basic essentials but additional projects—either of the dream variety or the wistfully hopeful—which may hitherto have seemed beyond attainment but which have challenged the Christian with the opportunity of furthering the work of God's Kingdom by meeting more needs. Budgets, therefore, should be considered as inspirational as well as practical, for they can be the guide to accomplishment of greater things with what "we have" because of what "we are."

Build a Better Budget

Without doubt you have received, by this time, a copy of the model budget designed to assist you and your finance committee in your fiscal planning. If through any mischance you have not received your sample budget, please immediately contact your association or state treasurer, requesting a copy together with the covering letter which contains useful information. Should you desire additional copies for the members of your finance committee, send your order to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, five cents per copy.

For obvious reasons, no attempt could be made to

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insert actual amounts in the model budgets. The proportionate allocation of funds in the individual organization is the function of the finance committee of which you should be a member.

The model budgets are intended as guides to broader planning by including items now within the denominational program of the National Council of American Baptist Women, which may not have been included heretofore in your budgets. Such items represent some of the best endeavors in the work of our Woman's Societies, and it is "devoutly to be wished" that they may have the emphasis which they merit in your planning for the coming year.

Budget Blessings

→ Consider the possible stimulus to the Love Gift that a budget item providing for the purchase of promotional material, such as booklets of dedication services, and the Love Gift Kit, could impart.

→ Consider the almost unlimited possibility of service that could result from a budgeted amount to send a representative of the Woman's Society to leadership training conferences at Green Lake.

→ Consider the books of missionary and devotional materials that could be added to the library of the Woman's Society or the church, through the inclusion of an item for such purchases. Many churches could then have a library of choice books which would inform the readers about our Baptist World Mission and would keep the work of the American Baptist Convention in the thinking of the church members.

→ Consider the opportunity that a Scholarship Fund item in the budget would afford by sending a Fellowship Guild girl to a state or national house party, or a promising young person from the church school to a Summer Baptist Camp.

Broader, bigger budgets require the participation of a greater number of interested members. Every woman, whether she be a newcomer to the Woman's Society, a member of long standing now resting on past laurels, or one busily engaged in "carrying the load," should be reminded of what the Lord expects of us all—not that we perform miracles, but that we should "do the BEST we can with what we have and are." If we all were to do the best we can, what amazing budgets could be drawn, and financed for the Lord's work!

Remember!

The following items may be ordered from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York:

→ Model Budget for a Woman's Baptist Mission Society in a Local Baptist Church. Price, five cents per copy.

→ Model Budget for the Association Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Price, five cents per copy.

→ Model Budget for the State Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Price, five cents per copy.

→ "What About Fairs and Festivals." Price, $1.00 per one hundred copies.

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munication to treasurers, if the offices of secretary and treasurer have been combined in your society.

Any Suggestions?

No doubt you have other suggestions for making the secretary's job easier and more efficient. Experience teaches us! Necessity is the mother of invention! So won't you pass your suggestions on to others at your secretaries' workshop, which we hope your state is planning. And then, why not send them to me at 4140 Rivercrest Drive, Salem, Oregon, for publication in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

About Abbreviations

Although we are familiar with commonly used denominational abbreviations, it is best for accuracy to write out the title. We all understand what NCABW, ABHMS, ABFMS, WBMS, ABC, and BJA refer to, but for those who might not be so well-informed, be sure to record:

→ National Council of American Baptist Women.

→ American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

→ American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

→ Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

→ American Baptist Convention.

→ Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Thinking of You

Living in Oregon, it's a real cross-country jaunt to attend board meetings in New York. Whether I travel by air, rail, or automobile, I always think of you as I see the lights twinkling 20,000 feet below, or flashing by a train window, or shining along the country road. I wonder about the meetings of your Woman's Society. When are they held? At various hours, I hope. Are some of your meetings held in the evening so that employed women can attend? Are some held in the morning to enable young mothers to return home before school closes, and are some held in the afternoon for the convenience of others?

You, as secretary, probably know the reasons why some of the members of your Woman's Society, or of your church, are unable to attend the meetings. Plan with your president to study the schedule for your meetings and the hours available for meetings by your members.

Westward Ho!

Please consider this a personal invitation to attend the American Baptist Convention in June, 1961, in Portland, Oregon! Why not begin now to make plans for a western summer of adventure?

Woman's Day is June 14, 1961. The tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be observed. There will be division luncheons —with a special one for secretaries. In the spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN there will be complete information regarding reservations for division luncheons, and also for the Saturday luncheon for women. Be sure to save the date, June 14, 1961.

From: Faith Bailey (Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)

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National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Communicators:

A big word—for a big job!

Do you remember how big it is every time you sit down for an evening of what may seem like routine paper work? Somebody (and I think he was a theologian) said recently, "What the Church of Christ needs today is not more theologians or more Christian education theorists! It needs more communicators!"

Here are some suggestions to make your own job in your own bailiwick live up to the dimensions that it truly rates.

Give It Nation-Wide Breadth

Newspapers will pay more attention to your society's news if they understand that you are affiliated with a national organization. You can let them know this by inserting that fact in every news release you write.

→ Like this: "Better understanding of the Christian's relations to the United Nations is the aim of the December 14 meeting of the Woman's Society of the First Baptist Church, East-of-the-Moon, Pennsylvania. The First Baptist Woman's Society is affiliated with the National Council of American Baptist Women, which has member societies in 37 states and central offices in New York City."

→ Or like this: "The Woman's Society of the First Baptist Church is affiliated with the Wyoming State Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the National Council of American Baptist Women. The National Council of American Baptist Women is the policy and program co-ordinating agency for local Woman's Societies in 4,739 American Baptist churches from Maine to California."

By using a defining sentence like that, you are giving to your own news added breadth and value in the eyes of your city editor. Of course, you are also giving the National Council of American Baptist Women some very excellent publicity!

Get Full Coverage—The Easy Way

If you're an association chairman or if your society membership covers a wide area, there's no need for complicated detective work when you want to know the names of newspapers in a given area. *Ayer's Directory,* found in almost every library, will give you all the facts.

All the newspapers published in the United States are listed in *Ayer's.* You use the directory like a dictionary or an encyclopedia. It is divided by states, and sub-divided by towns.

Look up any town, and you will find not only the names and addresses of all the papers printed there, but also their editors' names, their political party, and even their deadlines. Use it once and it will become your publicity bible.

Communicate National Events

As you realize that the National Council of American Baptist Women needs you and your work—in fact is counting heavily on your faithfulness to communicate its annual events—then your job adds to its dimensions. Here is some important news to be communicated this winter.

→ National Women's Conference, July 8-15, 1961. "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" That is the provocative question around which the 1961 National Women's Conference will center, according to Mrs. Walter Mueller, St. Paul, Minnesota, conference chairman. The conference will be held from July 8 through 15, at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Bible study, evening forums and many workshops will focus on the theme, which is closely related to the fourth-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—"Mission to Social Frontiers." The Reverend George Younger, pastor of Mariner's Temple, New York City, will be Bible study leader. Five hundred women are expected to register.

→ Tenth Anniversary. A tenth anniversary celebration for the National Council of American Baptist Women will be the keynote of Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. A. Paul Kreager, Madison, Wisconsin, who is chairman of the Woman's Day committee, has announced that both morning and afternoon programs will appraise and highlight what the denomination-wide women's organization has done since its formation in 1951 as the National Council of American Baptist Women.

"You are witnesses—where you are" is the theme for Woman's Day, emphasizing the third year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Woman's Day will be held in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, on June 14, the day on which the American Baptist Convention opens.

Turn A Big Spotlight on Your Society

"What does the National Council of American Baptist Women want from me?" is the question a few chairmen have recently asked. Part of the answer is simply this: *News.*

News of highly unusual projects or programs within your own society. News of women within your group (state, association or local) who have done something especially newsworthy in their communities. News you feel other American Baptist women would want to read. Channel this news through your state chairman. She'll send it on to me. And I'll be delighted to circulate it through our denomination's Division of Communication and through the news bulletins published by each State Convention.

By the way, pictures (glossy photographs) make a story sparkle.